

1. Read Matthew 7:1. Have you seen this verse in our culture today? Where have you seen it, and how is it so often used out of context?
2. In what wrong ways do we find ourselves judging others? John 4:24 says, *“Do not judge by appearances, but judge with righteous judgment.”* Discuss the wrong ways to judge and the right ways.
3. How does the fact that God will judge us how we judge others, or he will hold us to the standard we hold others to make you feel? Does it make you think twice about acting as a judge?
4. Read Romans 2:1. Why is it safe to say, when it comes to criticism and judgment we should just worry about ourselves?
5. Discuss the parable of the log and the speck in the eyes. How do we fall guilty to this example so often in our attempt to be a “help” to others spiritually?
6. So we must deal with our own sin, but certainly we don’t leave the speck in our brother’s eye! What does a true brother/sister look like when it comes to approaching others about their sin issue?
7. How can you practice the truth of dealing with your own sin, but helping out your brother/sister in your small group and mutual ministry?
8. Read Matthew 10:14. As Christians our commission is to preach the Gospel, and to be urgent, persistent, and patient with others as Christ was with us. But, clearly there are people out there who don’t want to hear the truth, or be confronted with the truth. Have you ever run into these people? How did you handle it? Does it comfort you to know that Jesus says, *“brush off your shoes and go to the next town?”*