



Sermon on the Mount WISDOM FOR THE AGES

Life Groups Discussion Guide
May 17, 2020

LOGS & SPECKS Matthew 7:1–5

CONNECT

1. When has someone tried to help take a speck or log out of your eye? Did they approach it well? How did you respond?

CELEBRATE

2. Read Matthew 7:1–5 together. Pray that the Holy Spirit guides your conversation and transforms your hearts.
3. What attitudes, mindsets or cultural beliefs lead to judgmentalism?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:10. Who is the ultimate judge? In what ways are we unqualified to carry out that role?
5. We often give ourselves the benefit of the doubt but hold others to a high standard. Think about this past week. When did you harbor a judgmental attitude?
6. In Matthew 7:5, Jesus commands His followers to “first” deal with their own sin.
 - Take a moment to pause. Imagine yourself stepping before a mirror that shows all blemishes and unrighteousness. What logs do you see? Confess those things before the Lord Jesus.
 - Read Romans 8:1. Celebrate the forgiveness and freedom that you have in Christ Jesus.

CONTRIBUTE

7. In Matthew 7:5, Jesus commands His followers to “first” deal with their own sin but “then” to address sin in their community of believers.
 - What attitudes or mindsets are necessary to help remove the speck from a Christian brother or sister?
 - How does the church’s calling to judge differ toward those inside and outside of the church community? See 1 Corinthians 5:12–13.
8. In this season of uncertainty, how could you be an agent of grace rather than judgment in our church family?