



Following the Leader - Study Guide for the Teaching Series

Week 10 – Sunday 22nd November 2020 - Luke 6.37-42

Please read **Luke 6.37-42**

1. Why do you think that Christians are often labelled as 'judgmental', but Jesus rarely is?

Please read James 4.10-12, James 5.9, Matthew 6.12-14, Romans 14.12-14, 1 Peter 5.5, alongside Luke 6. 37 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned.'

2. What kinds of 'judging/ condemning' are being prohibited by Jesus?
3. How does James 4.11-12 explain why Jesus' says that those who judge/ condemn like this will find themselves being judged by God?
4. How will this perspective influence your thinking & behaviour in handling issues/conflict with your brothers and sisters?

Please read Colossians 3.16, Galatians 6.1-3, Jude 22-23, alongside Luke 6. 37 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned.'

5. What kinds of 'judging' are not being prohibited by Jesus?

Please read Luke 6.41-42

6. How does this parable help us to be able to 'judge' helpfully, and avoid 'judging' harmfully?
7. How might this kind of godly self-reflection alter your behaviour as you handle issues/conflict with your brothers and sisters?

Please read Luke 6.37b-38 and Matthew 6.14

Jesus is commanding that we lose any spirit of condemning and embrace a spirit of sacrificial forgiving and a generosity of spirit.

8. How is a spirit of forgiving different to a spirit of ignoring/ 'sweeping it under the carpet'?
9. How might you build more sturdy bridges of trust in your small group relationships to enable increasingly heavy loads to be carried back and forth - as you speak into each other's lives?