

SPIRITUAL SIGHT: WHO CAN SEE CLEARLY? DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

LUKE 6:37-42

Each week, we will highlight one of GGC's culture code in connection with the 10:30am Gospel Growth study. This week's topic is Scriptural Truth: *We want God's revealed truth to permeate all of life and ministry. To live means to consume God's Word (Matt. 4:4). Our goal is that believers would mature in Christlikeness by means of an ever-increasing knowledge of and submission to the Word (2 Tim. 3:15-16). We want to study God's Word in depth and be grounded in sound doctrine (Heb. 5:12-14). Therefore, the Bible will take priority and prominence in our worship services, for it has the power to change lives. Scripture makes it clear that our true problems are internal rather than external. Therefore, we apply the Word to the heart and not just to outward symptoms (Heb. 4:12).*



⚙️ *Can a church fulfill its mission without devotion to God's word? What are the dangers that a church may expose itself to if it does not teach it?*

🗨️ *Discuss the role of the word of God in biblical community. How does the truth of the sufficiency of scripture (1 Timothy 3:16-17) build confidence in searching out and speaking God's word to one another?*

1 **OPENING UP: Describe a time when you received helpful constructive criticism from someone without feeling attacked.** What kept you from becoming defensive? What made the encounter helpful? What do you remember about the other person's character, words, or demeanor?

📖 *How can the following passages help us to judge others rightly? 2 Corinthians 13:11, Eph 4:32, 1 Peter 4:8, Proverbs 17:9, Luke 17:3*

2 **Luke 6:37 may be the most "taken out of context" Bible of our modern era.** It is often read this way: "See, the Bible says, 'Do not judge, so you shouldn't under any circumstances judge someone else.'" What clues from the text itself tell us that this is not what Jesus meant?

⚙️ *When Jesus says, "Judge not that you not be judged", what attitudes is He addressing? And how do those kinds of attitudes show up in our current context?*

📖 *What are some examples of the right kind of judgment? Gal 6:1, James 5:19-20, 2 Jn 8-11*

3 According to **Luke 6:37-38**, our judgement of others reveals more about us than other's judgment of us. In essence, Jesus is saying, "Judge at your own risk." What does our forgiveness of others indicate about our understanding of the forgiveness we have received from God? Consider Luke 7:47, 11:4, and Matthew 18:23-35.

♥ *Is our forgiveness from God conditional, or unconditional? Explain. Consider also 1 John 1:9 and Romans 2:1-8, Romans 8:1.*

🗨️ *Jonathan Edwards addressed this concept in one of his well-known resolutions. What do you think he was aiming for in making this resolution? Take time to discuss the following: "Resolved, to act, in all respects, both speaking and doing, as if nobody had been so vile as I, and as if had committed the same sins, or had the same infirmities or failings as others; and that I will let the knowledge of their failings promote nothing but shame in myself, and prove only an occasion of my confessing my own sins and misery to God."*

✍️ *Discuss 3-4 practical ways to both deepen your understanding of the forgiveness you've been offered in Christ and how that understanding should affect your responses this next week.*

4 Jesus described a humorous picture in **Luke 6:41-42**. Think of three reasons why it is impossible for someone with plank in their eye to remove a speck from the eye of another.

♥ *In what ways are you most judgmental of others? Discuss ways our most common judgments of others can be connected to either despair over our own failures or pride in our successes or even blind spots in our own lives?*

♥ *How can we keep ourselves open to correction without growing bitter or angry?*

♥ *How can you grow in frequently judging your own life, down to the thought level, by God's Word?*

PRAYER REQUESTS
