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Christianity: Famous or Infamous – Judgmental or Merciful

Review

Main Points: Initial Thought/Reactions/Comments

1. The Secret of Jesus
2. The Problem with Judgement
3. The Truth about Splinters

Reflect – Questions

1. **Unchristian.** The book Unchristian gives the statistic that 87% of people believe that Christians are judgmental. What is your reaction to this statistic and why do you think the general population believes Christians are judgmental?
2. **Grace and Truth. Read John 1:17.** In Jesus there is fullness of grace and truth, and that secret allowed him not to be judgmental. Who were the people that Jesus was the hardest on, and why was that the cause? Are you full of more grace or more truth and how can you tell?
3. **Judgmental. Read Matthew 7:1-5.** One of the reasons we shouldn't judge is we never know the whole story. Do you have example of when someone showed you mercy and assumed the best in you? What else sticks out to you in this passage?
4. **Truth about Splinters.** Have you had a time when someone "removed a splinter" from you and revealed your sin to you in a way that went well and was loving? Has someone done it poorly?

Respond

1. How to deal with splinters – Joe gave 3 pieces of advice – what stood out to you.
 - Look at your eye – remember the pain
 - Check your heart – why do you want to remove it
 - Use your head – timing and relationship are everything
2. Is there anyone you have judged without knowing the full story or the intent of their heart? What steps do you need to take to apologize and begin forgiveness? Is there anyone you need to extend forgiveness to who has judged you incorrectly.

Pray

Go around as a group and ask for prayer requests. Pray as a group together unity together and unity in this church, and for help in being merciful.

Announcements

Just Worship: Sunday, February 24 // 6-7:30 p.m.

We will cap off our 21-day prayer initiative for unity with a Just Worship Night. No need to register.

The 21-Day Prayer Initiative

We are one week in to our 21-day prayer initiative called Unified. Pick up a copy of the guide at church or you can find it online at ccchapel.com/MJF.