

"20/20 Vision"

Luke 6:37-42

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The Gospel of Luke: Meeting Our Savior

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September Focus

CHARITY

Principle:

1. Seek to understand before being understood
2. Maintain proper posture with your position
3. Have conversations, not arguments

Resource:

"Good Faith Debates" by the Gospel Coalition



To Go Deeper:

1. Read 1 Cor. 5:9-13 and think about how we are actually called to judge, and how that's different from what Jesus is teaching here.
2. Read Rom. 12:16-21 and discuss about how it applies to this lesson.

Question(s) for Prayer Time:

Take a moment to think of someone you struggle to judge or condemn. Then take a moment of silent prayer to apply what Jesus says here to them.

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Scripture Passages Used:

Luke 6:37-42 “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; **38** give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

39 He also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? **40** A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. **41** Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? **42** How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye.

1Tim. 1:15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

Rom. 7:14-21 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. **15** For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. **16** Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. **17** So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. **18** For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. **19** For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. **20** Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. **21** So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. **22** For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, **23** but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. **24** Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? **25** Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Matt. 9:35-36 And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. **36** When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

1Cor. 5:9-13 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— **10** not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. **11** But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. **12** For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? **13** God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”

Rom. 16:16-21 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. **17** Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. **18** If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. **19** Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” **20** To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” **21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Additional Thoughts for Leaders

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How does our culture view Jesus' command to "not judge" someone else?

Think about how our culture promotes moral relativism, the view that everyone should be allowed to do whatever they want to do. You be you. Nobody should judge whatever anyone calls right for them. God's moral standard is removed, so there's no right in their eyes to judge anyone for anything. This is not what Jesus says in our passage today.

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Paul is talking of himself in Romans as a Christian, recognizing the powerful nature of our sinful nature still inside of us. In 1 Timothy, he's recognizing at the end of his life how he sees his sin inside him as much as ever! (He also sees God's grace in his life as much as ever.)

► What are some sins you are prone to judge in others? How might the seed of those sins be in you?

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Our pride.

Our inner need to prove ourselves present ourselves as righteous in the sight of God and others.

► From v. 37-38a, what is Jesus actually calling you to avoid doing? What does he call you to do positively?

Flesh out what each of those 4 words mean...

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Jesus knows what's in the heart. He knew every sin they had ever committed that is worthy of more condemnation than they could imagine. Jesus chose to see them with compassion because he knew their sin and helplessness, and yet he also foresaw the cross and what he would do to condemn their sin there.

► Does God ever compromise his judgment? If God is 100% just, condemning all sin, and 100% love, full of grace, how are both reconciled at the cross?

Absolutely not. God is the same in the OT as the NT. Think about how God condemned sin on the cross. Think about how the cross reflects God's great love toward us. Think about how the cross leads to an abundance of grace over and above all our sin.

► How does seeing Jesus clearly on the cross help us to see "our log" more clearly? How does it help to forgive and give to others who sinned against us?

Think about how there's no more condemnation for our "log-sized" sin. Think about how the more we consider our great debt being forgiven before God frees us to forgive others "speck" sized sin before us.

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For More Study of the Passage
Passage: Luke 6:17-26

Observation: _____

Interpretation: _____

Application: _____

Prayer: _____