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Sermon: A New Way Part 3: Judging Others

Main text: Matthew 7:1-6

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does this story tell me about God?

2. What does this story tell me about people (or about myself)?

3. If this is God's word for my life, how will I obey it?

4. Who am I, going to tell?

Key points, questions and quotes to reflect on and discuss from Ryan's message:

"When you live in a culture war mode there is always a battle to fight, a side to take, and people to fear... but when you live in God's Kingdom there is always a stranger to welcome, a neighbor to be friend, an enemy to love."The Clergy Coaching Network

"Biblical orthodoxy without compassion is surely the ugliest thing in the world." Frances Schaffer

Kpiva (krinō) judge [verb] To divide, to separate, to make a distinction, come to a decision, to judge, to pronounce final judgment. Not merely sentence of condemnation, but also a decision in any one's favour.

If you drop contempt from your soul, condemnation rarely occurs"

Antagonism and Condemnation vs. Discernment and Compassion.

but in the kingdom of God, God alone is Judge; human judges will not be needed because kingdom citizens live under the Messiah King and do the will of God. Jesus' disciples are being summoned to live in that kind of world among themselves as they seek to embody in the here and now that future kingdom. Instead of a society marked by condemnation, they are to form a society marked by humility, love for neighbor and enemy, and mutual reconciliation.

Scot McKnight Sermon on the Mount (The Story of God Bible Commentary Book 21)

What are your thoughts on this quote & message over all you heard from Ryan? What are some ways it is challenging you to grow?

Other Passages from scripture to reflect on... 1 Corinthians 4:3 and Romans 14:10.

