

Read Matthew 7:1-12

Intro:

Do you have any golden rules in your family? Jesus golden rule "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." Is this something non-Christians would agree with?

Consider

What is it like being around judgemental people?

Do you consider this statement to be a true reflection on what Jesus was talking about? "I love you enough to want to help you, and tomorrow you will need to correct me?"

Has God removed any planks from your life that God has used to help others?

God will judge the judgmental person. This is big stuff, because if we get it wrong God will Judge us differently - James 2:13 - "Judgement without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful". How do we protect ourselves from being judgmental?

Jeremiah, where the Lord says, "When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me" (29:13–14). Do you believe this?

C.S Lewis wrote "There is no neutral ground in the universe: every inch, every split second, is claimed by God and counter-claimed by Satan." How might we understand this in light of God wanting good things for us?

Response

How might your life group be a place where this statement is true of each other? "I love you enough to want to help you, and tomorrow you will need to correct me?"