

The 'Why?' Behind the 'What?'

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A Week in Review

"Who by worrying can add a single hour to his life."
- Matthew 6:27

Group Opener

Have you ever served on a jury? If so, share about your experience.

Study Questions

Read Matthew 7:1-6. How would you put this passage into your own words?

Share a time when you were either playing the role of a judge or being judged.

What is the stigma on judging?

When have you been "judged"?

When have you been guilty of judging others?

Do you find it sobering to know you will be judged by the standards you use to judge others, why or why not?

What principles does Jesus provide for judging others?

Identify some "specks" that you point out in others. Why is this so?

What "planks" are you blind to in your own life?

Why is it important to know God is a just judge?

How are justice and forgiveness related?

Share one take-away from the message or this study that you are going to apply moving forward.

Announcement:

If your group has not done Rooted consider having your group start the new session Rooted starting February 23. Also, know "Nail to the Cross" is December 16^{th} and 7:00PM.