

Thornbury Baptist Church
Small Group Discussion Questions

Talk Date: September 28th 2025

Talk title: Judging Others

Passage: Matt 7:1-6

Speaker: Katie Fry

Discussion Questions

- 1) We are often tempted to judge others for things that are merely different from us (choices, habits etc) and not actually sinful. Why do you think this is so tempting?

- 2) How does remembering that “this person is made in the image of God” help us move from condemnation to compassion? Can you think of a time when that mindset changed your response to someone?

- 3) What is the difference between condemnation and discernment, and how can we tell which one is motivating us when we see someone else's behaviour or choices?

- 4) As God's people, we are not called to judge those who are not following Jesus. However, we are called to be salt and light, and to speak out for the vulnerable and voiceless in issues of justice. What does it look like for Christians to be voices of compassion, not condemnation, in society? Can you think of any personal examples?

- 5) The antidote to hypocrisy is not perfection, but humility. In your experience, what does it look like to “remove the plank from your own eye” before helping someone with their “speck”? How can humility shape the way we offer correction or support to fellow believers?

- 6) The talk ends by pointing us to the cross — how does remembering Jesus’ mercy toward us shape the way we interact with others, especially when they fail or fall short?

Takeaway

What is the main thing each person is taking away from this discussion?

Spend time praying with one another in the light of your discussion.