

## Only God Can Judge

The Bible Doesn't Say That | Week 5

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*We are really good at judging other people when we are not the ones in the situation.*

Matthew 7:1

### 1. Judgement Requires \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus is using what is called a hyperbole—an intentional exaggeration used to make a point memorable.

Our human nature is to judge ourselves by our intentions and other people by their actions.



Biblical correction should always begin with self-examination.

Matthew 7:4-5

### 2. Judgement Requires \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 7:5

Correction addresses behavior. Condemnation assigns identity.

### 3. Judgement Requires \_\_\_\_\_.

John 8:3-11

Grace does not ignore sin. Grace gives us hope beyond our sin.

Because God is my Judge, I want to see myself and others the way He does.

## Questions for Further Study

1. Icebreaker / Team Building: When you hear the phrase, *"Only God can judge me,"* what do you think people usually mean by it? Have you ever heard it used in a funny or unexpected situation?
2. Jesus says in Matthew 7:1–5 not to judge, but He also tells us to recognize the "speck" in another person's eye. Read the passage again. What kind of judgment is Jesus condemning, and what kind of correction does He seem to allow?
3. Dig Deeper: Read Galatians 6:1–2 and James 5:19–20. What do these passages add to our understanding of how Christians should respond when someone is caught in sin or wandering from God?
4. In John 8:1–11, Jesus refuses to condemn the woman, but He also tells her, *"Go now and leave your life of sin."* What does this encounter teach us about holding grace and truth together?
5. Why is it sometimes easier to identify what needs to change in someone else than to recognize the "plank" in our own lives? What practices can help us approach others with humility rather than self-righteousness?
6. Personal Reflection: As you think about Jesus' words in these passages, where is God challenging you most right now—to examine your own heart, extend more grace, speak truth more lovingly, or receive correction with greater humility?