

SCRIPTURE

PRIMARY TEXT:

Matthew 7:1-6

OBSERVATION AND APPLICATIONS

- Read Matthew 7:1-6. What stands out to you in Jesus' teaching about judgment and grace in this passage?

- Jesus says, "Judge not, that you be not judged" (v.1). What are some common misconceptions about what Jesus means by "judge not"?

- Jesus calls us to first "take the plank out of your own eye" before addressing the speck in someone else's eye (v.5). Why is it important to acknowledge our own need for grace before addressing the sins of others?

- In verse 6, Jesus warns against giving "what is sacred" to dogs or "throwing pearls to swine." What do you think Jesus means by this, and why is it important to practice discernment in how we share spiritual truths?

SCRIPTURE

Write which passage of scripture you are reading.

OBSERVATION

What is this text saying? What is the context? How does it fit with the verses before and after it? Are there any commands or instructions?

APPLICATION

How can you apply this verse to your life? What does this mean today? What is God saying to you?

PRAYER

Respond to the passage in prayer. Ask God to help you apply this truth to your life and spend some time listening to what He may be telling you.
