

JUDGE NOT

John 8.1-10, Matthew 7.1-5 // November 8, 2020

WHERE ARE YOUR ACCUSERS?

John 7.53 to 8.10 is not found in the oldest Greek manuscripts. However, it is mentioned by church fathers as early as the first century, and is included in the Latin Vulgate. Most scholars believe it to be an authentic story, but they are simply unsure who wrote it (possibly Luke). Regardless, God's Word validates the truths found in the story.

John 8.15 // Romans 8.3 // John 3.17, 18

The Pharisees are at it again. Trying to trap Jesus in a game of "Gotcha!" If Jesus says, "yes, she's a sinner, stone her," they go to the government and accuse Him of breaking the civil law. If He says, "don't stone her," they go to the religious leaders and accuse Him of breaking the OT Law! However, He puts the onus on them by writing on the ground, causing them to drop their case.

AMERICA'S PASTIME

As Christ followers, we ought to have a commitment. We must be so deeply committed to first focusing on the 2x4 in our own eye, the ways in which we do the exact same thing as those we accuse.

Commit to not join in on America's new favorite pastime of fault-finding, stone-throwing, nit-picking, and speck-spotting.

James 3.1, 2 // Matthew 7.1-15

A BETTER WAY

When someone wrongs you, judges you, or condemns you, it's a horrible feeling, and our God-given desire for justice must be tempered with self-control and trust in God's work and ways. Though the world would view an approach of humility, non-retaliation, meekness, and gentleness as weak and soft, we know through God's Word that vengeance is His, not ours.

When another person, particularly a believer, wrongs us or is in the wrong over a matter, it is helpful for us to remember that this believers is part of the Bride of Christ. If you have every had anyone say something bad about your spouse or kids, you know the sense of protection and justice that comes over you. We ought not revile the Bride of Christ, but rather act in love and gentleness, knowing that the kindness of the Lord is what leads us to repentance.

Matthew 23.23, 24

**It is impossible for us to speak the truth in love
without the work of the Holy Spirit.**

-Alexander Strauch

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Romans 8:24-25

For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Matthew 7.1-5**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

How does the Gospel help us to have the right approach and attitude towards others when we are judged? And how does it help us to prevent us from being those that judge?

Your Life Mission

God has brought many in your life that are not like you and don't see things how you do. What conversations may be upcoming that you could use prayer for?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself**
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess**
 - Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision**
 - Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving**
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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