

Digging Deeper Study
God's Kingdom Come – The Kingdom Way
Week of November 2, 2025

The Kingdom Way Matthew 7 7 “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.	“In essentials, unity; (1 Corinthians 12:12-13) in non-essentials, liberty; (Romans 14:1) in all things, charity.” (John 13:34) Sermon QUOTE Statement: Tired of all the judgment from others? Jesus is too. Lets see what He has to say about the topic. Opening Question: What is something that you are really critical about in other people? What is something that people have been really critical about in you? Read Matthew 7:1–6 1. What does Jesus mean when He says, “Do not judge, or you too will be judged”? 2. Does this passage mean we have nothing to be judged over?
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³“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

⁶“Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

⁷“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

3. What does the “speck” and “plank” imagery teach us about self-awareness? Why is it easier to see other peoples flaws?
4. How are we to start removing the plank in our own eye? Do you have any examples of how you work at this in your own life?
5. How does verse 6 (“Do not give dogs what is sacred...”) relate to the call not to judge? What does it teach about discernment? What is the importance of guarding our hearts?

Read Verses 7–12:

5. In the context of this passage – What does God want to give us?
6. What does Jesus’ promise (“Ask and it will be given to you”) teach us about God’s character?

⁹ “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹ If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! ¹² So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

¹³ “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

¹⁵ “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs

7. How does persistence and faith play a role in our growth?

8. How does verse 11 (“how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts...”) shape your view of God as a Father?

9. How does knowing God is good – help us when the we don’t receive what we want?

Verse 12 is known as the “*Golden Rule*” — how can this be taken out of context and misused?

How does the “Golden Rule” – apply to followers of Christ, but taken apart from Christ, fall short of what Jesus is saying?

Verses 13–23: The Narrow and Wide Gates / True and False Prophets

What does the “narrow gate” represent in the life of a disciple? Why do you think “few find it”?

How can we identify “false prophets”? What “fruit” should we be looking for in ourselves and others?

from thistles? ¹⁷ Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’

²³ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

²⁴ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who

In verses 21–23, why does Jesus reject people who did miracles in His name? What does this teach about the difference between outward works and genuine obedience?

built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Verses 24–29: The Wise and Foolish Builders

What does it mean to “hear” Jesus’ words and “put them into practice”?

How can you build your life on the “rock” rather than on “sand”?

What are some “storms” in life that reveal whether our foundation is solid?

What is the importance of us realizing Jesus’ authority?

Take Prayer requests
And close in Prayer