

FOLLOW CLOSELY

...in Christ's Humility

HUMBLER BY JUDGMENT AND GRACE

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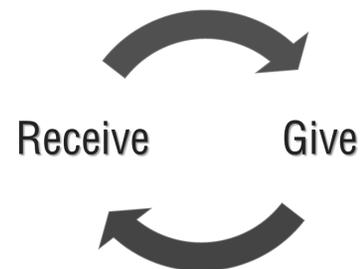
Introduction:

Big Idea: Humbly realize your need for the _____ of God for _____ so you can _____ it to others.

Four Reasons Fleshly Judgments Fall Short:

- ◆ Our P _____:

The Forgiveness Cycle:



*Forgiven people forgive.
People who don't forgive aren't forgiven.
People who aren't forgiven can't forgive.*

Personal Reflection and Application:

1. Do you believe God's grace is big enough to forgive your sin? Do you believe God's grace is necessary to overcome your sin? Do you believe God's grace is offered to you through Jesus Christ so that you will not receive his condemnation?

Application

2. Who are you most tempted to judge and condemn according to the flesh? What would forgiveness and generosity toward them look like if it was given in the same measure and manner that Christ extends?
3. Are you leading others to the judgment and grace of Christ? Or are you leading them to follow some other fleshly standard?

Gospel Community Discussion Questions:

- 1) As a group, make a list of the most common misquoted verses in the Bible. Why are "soundbites" of the Bible so appealing? Why are they so dangerous? How can we avoid "soundbite theology"?
- 2) Read Luke 6:37-38 and James 4:11-12. Why do human judgments fall short?
- 3) How can we reconcile Luke 6:37-38 with passages like 1 Cor. 5:13, Matt. 18:17-20, Gal. 6:1, and others that would instruct us to some type of "judgment" and confront sin?
- 4) Read Luke 6:39-42 and Col. 2:6-8. Why must human judgments and standards of teaching be avoided?
- 5) What is the relationship between judgment and forgiveness in the gospel? Why are both judgment and forgiveness important to grasp if we are going to deliver the gospel to others?

Breakout Time

Split your group into men and women to pray for one another and hold one another accountable. Catch up on ongoing prayer/accountability requests, and cry out to God for one another and for those to whom you are taking the gospel. Discuss where you need prayer in experiencing in your own life or delivering the grace of God to others?