

Luke: The Inside-Out Gospel

Week 8: *Boomerang Theology*

Luke 6:37-42

OPEN WITH PRAYER

GETTING STARTED: Have you ever had the experience of being prejudged or misjudged by a person or a group? Share that experience with your group. What were some of the lessons you learned from that experience? What happened to your relationship with the person(s) who judged you?

LEARNING & APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Together, read Luke 6:37- 42 together

1. In verse 37 Jesus warns his disciples to refrain from judging, but in verse 42 he also tells them to “remove the speck from the other person’s eye.” How do you reconcile these two statements? Is some form of judging necessary in life? What kind of judging does Jesus forbid in this passage?
2. What do giving and forgiving have in common?
3. Read and discuss verse 38. What is Jesus trying to get across to his disciples in this verse?
4. What is Jesus’ point about the parable of the speck and the plank?

LIVING OUT “REAL LIFE”

5. Do you ever struggle with being judgmental? What difference has your relationship with Christ made in your relationship with others, especially in

this area of judging others? In other words, what has helped you to become less judgmental? What is the link between verse 36 and our topic for today?

6. Is there any “good news” for you in this passage? What is it?

SHARING AND PRAYER (Prayer Requests)

Take some time to share prayer requests, where you need to find God’s grace and peace. Be sure to give thanks for each other and pray for one another’s needs. When we pray together, we find the power of God.

When you think the problem is “out there,” it’s that very thought that is the problem.

-Stephen Covey