

▼ **Here Comes The Judge Again!**

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- **Read the Passage: Matthew 7:1-6**

▼ **Purpose of the Sermon (what listeners should do)**

- Recognize ways in which we may be judging others.
- Recognize ways in which our vision might be distorted.
- Learn how to confront our own problems first.

▼ **Background**

▼ Remember our calling to be a blessing to others.

- God called Abraham to be a blessing to others. As Abraham's heirs, this also applies to us. - Genesis 12:1-3
- We're not blessed because of our own righteousness. - Deuteronomy 9:1-6

▼ Are we treating each other like brothers and sisters (i.e. like family)?

- The early church became family to each other - Acts 2:42-47
- Bear with one another - Ephesians 4:1-6
- Build one another up - Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2

▼ Understand how to treat one another specifically:

▼ 5 Love Languages

- Words of Affirmation
- Acts of Service
- Receiving Gifts
- Quality Time
- Physical Touch

- Do you know the love languages of anyone else in on your team or in the congregation?

▼ Are we humbly serving others?

- Be humble - Matthew 18:1-4
- Serve others - especially the ones you want to lead - Matthew 20:20-28

▼ **Understand the difference between proper and improper judging.**

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▼ **Recognize our anger, sadness, and fear.**

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▼ **Explore ways in which our anger, sadness, and fear may be connected to improper judging.**

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▼ **Take action to deal with our improper judging.**

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▼ **Conclusion**

- Train for this. Put it into practice - Matthew 7:24-27.

▼ **Discussion Questions**

- Have you judged someone else's heart motives recently? Was it a brother or sister in Christ? Was it someone in this congregation? Discuss?
- Are you feeling angry, sad, and/or afraid? Discuss.
- Does your anger, sadness, and/or fear arise from what you believe about someone's motives? Discuss?
- What can you do to move forward biblically? What help do you need?