



## “Why Do You Look at The Speck...?” Matthew 7:1-5

### Introduction

Jesus’ sermon on the mount is some of his most important teaching as he gives a vision for what life in the Kingdom of God looks like. From how we treat enemies to trusting God for provision and laying up treasures in heaven, to prayer and fasting. In the midst of it all, though, he asks this life changing question, why do you focus on others people’s sin without paying attention to your own (my paraphrase)? This is important for us all to consider.

### Discussion

- Do you ever find yourself comparing yourself to others? Why do you think we do that?
- Why do you think comparison is so dangerous?

### Going Deeper<sup>1</sup>

- Read Matthew 7:1-5. What do we learn about this question and instruction based on its context in the sermon on the mount?
- Why is it problematic to be judged by the same measure we judge others?
- Look at vs. 5, what is significant about this verse?
- Why is this included in a teaching about life in the Kingdom of God?

### Application

- Why is hypocrisy a common charge against Christians?
- What spiritual disciplines do you employ to seek a life more formed by Jesus?
- What is your biggest takeaway from this teaching of Jesus? What action step will you take to develop this teaching in your life?
- How can we be in prayer for you?

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<sup>1</sup> Scripture references are from the NIV.