



“Lessons to Learn: Not Judging, Just Saying...”

Sunday, September 18, 2016

**Lesson:**

*Judging others -- what does Jesus say about that?*

**ICEBREAKER:**

Go around the room and ask everyone to share their biggest “pet peeve” at work, at home, at church, etc.

**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Have you ever been criticized? What sort of things are you criticized for?
2. How do you respond when someone corrects you?
3. Read Matthew 7:1. What does the bible say will happen to those who are judgmental or critical?
4. How does Matthew 7:2 suggest we will be judged?
5. What are faults that we typically like to call out in other people? What are some common criticisms/judgements we make on others?
6. Talk about a time when perhaps you made a judgement about

something/someone without knowing the whole story.

7. Why is important to remember that we are not perfect before we start talking about others/ judging/critiquing?
8. Read James 4:11-12 and then also James 2:12-13.
  - a. Talk about how this goes along with the idea of “Not judging others.”
  - b. Think about this statement that was made this morning: “Mercy triumphs over judgement.” How do we offer mercy in times when we feel like criticizing?
9. What are some steps we can take to become more merciful and less judgmental/critical?
10. Why is that the idea of judging others is something we can justify when we do it against others, but despise it when it is done against us?