



Jesus Among Us

When The Problem Is In The Mirror

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Leader's Guide Text: Luke 6:37-42

Main Objective

Help participants move from focusing primarily on the faults of others to allowing God's Word to examine their own hearts. The goal is not guilt, shame, or self-condemnation, but repentance that leads to freedom, mercy, and Christlikeness.

Key Takeaway

"The more clearly we see ourselves, the more graciously we treat others."

Discussion Emphases

- Jesus is not forbidding discernment; He is forbidding a condemning spirit.
- Mercy recognizes that we rarely know the whole story.
- Spiritual blindness often grows through familiarity, comparison, and self-justification.
- The Bible functions as a mirror that reveals what we cannot see on our own.
- Repentance restores vision and enables us to help others with humility.
- God's purpose in exposing sin is transformation, not humiliation.
- People who experience God's grace most deeply tend to extend grace most freely.

Watch For

Some people may use this passage to avoid accountability altogether ("Who are we to judge?"). Gently remind the group that Jesus ultimately calls believers to help one another with their "specks" after first dealing with their own "logs."

Others may become overly introspective or discouraged. Keep pointing them back to the sermon's conclusion: God's grace reveals sin in order to change us, not crush us.

Closing Challenge

Ask everyone to identify one area where they need to stop looking through the window at others and start looking into the mirror of God's Word.

Encourage them to spend time this week praying Psalm 139:23-24 daily and asking God to reveal any blind spots that need His transforming grace.