

Recap-

Sermon on the Mount

- **Character of the Kingdom** – beatitudes; attributes that are honored by God (5.1-16)
- **True obedience** – following the spirit of the law from our hearts (5.17-48)
- **True righteousness** – doing good works sincerely/before the Father and not to be seen by others (6.1-18)
- **Competitors to the King** – money and worry can compete with Jesus for places of prominence in our hearts (6.19-34)

RECAP



On Judging

Don't judge within the body

- **Judge** – to find fault with/unjustly criticize, to condemn (v1-5)
- **Don't criticize/find-fault** or God will use that same standard when judging you
 - **James 2.13** - judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful

**MATTHEW
7:1-12**



On Judging

Do help people who have specks in their eyes = confront sin

- **Mt18.15-20**: the process
- **Mt 7.3-5**: our posture = humility (thinking rightly of ourselves)
- **Don't give dogs what is sacred**
 - **Judge** – to evaluate/discern (v6)
 - There is a time/place for sharing spiritual truth/revelation
 - Right truth at the wrong time is not just inappropriate, it can actually do relational damage

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On Prayer

Ask, seek, and knock

- **Our posture towards the Father** – persistence; keep on asking, seeking and knocking
 - See Lk 18.1-8; don't give up (lose motivation in a desirable/good activity)
- **Father's posture towards us** – radical generosity in areas of need
 - Let this be foundation of our prayer life

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Worry

- **James 4.1-3:** What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

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