

## **Strong Tower Bible Study**

### **Agenda**

#### **Lesson #20**

**Time 6:00pm -7:30pm**

**Topic: How to live judgement free.**

Welcome

Opening Prayer

**Scripture text:** Mathew 7:1-12

Judging Others

7 “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. 2 For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

3 “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 4 How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

6 “Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

## Ask, Seek, Knock

7 “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

9 “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! 12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

### **Things to know:**

Jesus wants His followers to focus on their walk with Him

We are not called to judge or condemn one another

Seeking to please God is our goal

### **Finding clear guidance consists of:**

-Clearing the pathway: Repent of all known sin in our life

-Exercise patience: Our timing is not God’s timing. His timing is Best because His plan is Best.

-Persist in prayer: The Bible instructs us to keep bringing our concerns to the Lord (Luke 18:1-8, 1Thessalonians 5:17)

-Search the scriptures: The Word of God provides wisdom for all of life’s challenges (Psalms 119:105) The Holy Spirit points us in the right direction.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What kind of judgement is Jesus warning us about? Vs 1-2
2. How easy is it to look at someone else's faults before our own? Vs 3-4
3. What does Jesus call people who judge others before themselves? And what is the instruction Vs 5
4. How are we to treat the teachings of Christ? Is Jesus calling people names Vs 6-7 *Hint:* Think of the characteristics of a dog or pig. Think of the teachings of Jesus as pearls.
5. What is Jesus asking His followers to Ask for? Seek? And knock on what door? Vs 7-8
6. What do we gain when we go to God asking, seeking and knocking Vs. 9-11
7. How are we expected to treat people? Vs 12

### **Faith in Action:**

Support your wellness this week by listening to your body (take a nap, drink water, see the doctor, turn off your notifications, eat more vegetables and fruit)

-Invite someone to Bible Study

-Come out to Worship in Person

-Share what you learned in Bible Study with someone you want to see in heaven

**Challenge of the Week:**

Read Proverbs 12:1-5 meditate on what you learned then share it with someone.

Or

Share your Faith with a family member in your contacts

**Scripture Application:**

**Luke 6:31**-How can we honor God this way?

**Proverbs 19:17**-How does this scripture teach us to give?

**Jeremiah 29:13**-Can we seek God casually?

**Closing Prayer**