



# STUDY GUIDE

## AGAINST THE GRAIN

10.13.2019

[start with prayer]

[set up]

Share about a time that you were unfairly and inaccurately judged or that you were convicted of doing so to another person.

Why is it so easy for us to slip into judging others?

[digging deeper]

Read Luke 6:37-42

What part of this passage really stands out to you personally?

If you were to summarize this teaching from Jesus in one sentence, what would you say?

If you were to summarize it in one word, what word would you choose \_\_\_\_\_ (give everyone in the LifeGroup 30 seconds to come up with a word and then briefly share your word and why that was the word you chose)?

How is it possible to discern good from bad, a good influence or bad influence, a safe person or unsafe person, without judging on some level?

What do forgiving and giving have in common?

How does Jesus' teaching encourage his disciples to be generous?

What is Jesus' point about the parable of the speck and the plank?

Individually, in smaller groups or as a whole group, look up each of these verses and summarize the teaching:

John 7:24 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Cor. 5:11-13 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Cor. 4:5 \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 17:3 \_\_\_\_\_

Gal. 6:1 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Tim. 5:20 \_\_\_\_\_

Col. 3:13 \_\_\_\_\_

Eph. 4:32 \_\_\_\_\_

So, after interacting with the material above, how would you answer these T/F questions and why?

True or False – Christians are to never judge others? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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Now go back to the passage in Luke 6:37-42. After looking at more Scripture and discussing this topic, do you have a new insight or application on this text that didn't come to mind before?

### [living it out]

(Form smaller groups to discuss and pray in for this wrap up)

What was one affirmation or encouragement that you received from this time?

What was one conviction or challenge that you received from this time?

What do you sense the Lord wants you to do as an action step from this time?

What's one question this person/these people can ask you next time they see you to help encourage you in faithfully growing in this area?

### [end with prayer]

Close in prayer in the smaller groups, lifting up each other to the Lord based on what you shared. If you are struggling to know how to pray, you can use these prompts in your prayer time:

- God I thank you that \_\_\_\_\_
- God I confess that \_\_\_\_\_
- God please help me to \_\_\_\_\_