

## Series:

Sermon Notes & Community Group Discussion

## After Eden

Sunday, October 19, 2014

After Eden: *Get the Log Out!*

Matthew 7:1-6

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Two Extremes of Judging Others:

1. Having a harsh, critical spirit
2. Having a spirit of permissiveness

Judging is necessary, but dangerous.

Critical judgments come naturally.

The right way to judge is charitably.

Action Steps to Promote Peace:

1. Take care of our junk first.
  - a. How can I show Jesus' work in me by taking responsibility for my contribution to this conflict?
2. A gracious, gentle attitude can prevent most conflicts.
3. Know your idol.
4. Confession brings freedom.

## Community Group Questions

1. What is your natural tendency when dealing with others? Do you tend to have a critical spirit or do you more readily offer others the benefit of the doubt? Do you believe that by having a gracious, gentle attitude that you can prevent most conflicts? Why or why not? Discuss what offenses you may not be able to overlook.
2. What kind of "logs" are you currently dealing with in your own eyes?
3. Do you currently have any unresolved conflict in your life? At home, work, with anyone at Crossroads? How can I (we) show Jesus' work in me by taking responsibility for my contribution to this conflict?
4. Read Philippians 4:4-9 aloud as a group. Come up with at least 4 principles on peacemaking from this passage (there are 5 represented in the text). Choose one to work on in your life this week.

