

# The Gospel Changes Everything *Small Group Discussion*

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### REMOVE THE LOG FIRST!

## DISCUSSION OVERVIEW

This discussion will center on the speck and log conversation – how can we consider judging others while we’re wrestling with our own sin? It has to start with us!

## SERIES OVERVIEW

Why have so many efforts to change our world proven ineffective, or even destructive? What does it mean to be a faithful presence of Christ in this world? This series will explore how the church can play a role in affecting positive change. The gospel, rather than politics or worldly power or wealth or social media or reclusiveness, changes everything.

## LOOK *What do we see around us and in our lives?*

**Which of the “judge” TV shows is your favorite? Competition shows, court TV, etc. Why?**

## BOOK *What does Scripture say about this?*

### Matthew 7:1-6

<sup>1</sup>“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. <sup>2</sup>For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. <sup>3</sup>“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? <sup>4</sup>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? <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>“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.

**Who do you find easiest to judge or criticize?**

**We need to consider our own heart first (and continually) before we turn to others:**

**G – Gospel reality: we need to start here.**

**U – Utter dependence on the Holy Spirit**

**P – Pathway: turn from sin toward God.**

**A – Accountability: who are the trusted voices that will help you fight sin?**

**Which aspect of “GUPA” is easiest for you to embrace & lean into? Which is hardest to address in your life? How about in our small group?**

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## **Story of the Good News of Jesus.**

### **Creation**

*God makes all things and they are good*

### **Fall**

*God's people turn away from God, things are broken. Death and sin rule over all things.*

### **Redemption**

*God, through Jesus' death and resurrection, rescues his people and defeats death and sin.*

### **Restoration**

*Jesus returns to be with his people, end all brokenness, and make all things right.*

## **THE GOSPEL** *The Good News of Jesus*

**Have you embraced your “righteous judgment” identity in Jesus? What is keeping you from believing this – either the big-picture scale or on a daily basis?**

**How can we be a better reflection of Jesus as we humbly address tough conversations vs. strictly criticize or judge others?**

## **Accountability/Reflection**

*Share together and pray for each other*

**TOOK** *What will you take away from today's discussion?*  
*Possible questions to consider:*

**Consider what God is telling you *stop, start, change, or continue.***

**What part of the gospel do you forget and need to remember this week?**

**Who do you know who needs to know the truth you discussed today?**