

Luke

Carefully Investigating the Gospel ... Together

SSBC Luke Bible Study #18

Take this Bible Study home and use it to guide your exploration of the scripture passage that next Sunday's sermon will be focused on.

Passage: Luke 6:37-42

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Introduction:

I did a lot of judging last night. I read a really good book. When I was done, I did some research about the author to see what else he'd written. Some of his more recent titles seemed a bit too radical for me. Then I searched the Internet to see what other people had to say about him. Wow! Some very critical things have been written. "Yes, he must be over the edge," I concluded. Based on a couple of vocal skeptics, I was judging him (not just his ideas). I've never even met him. What a wretch I can be!

So here I am writing this Bible study about **judging others**. Actually I'm just doing this Bible study alongside you. I have much to learn, much to apply. Join me in thinking about how we tend to judge one another, and seeing what God thinks about this.

Lord, help us to learn the lessons you have for each of us in this passage of scripture. Who have we judged? What other big issues in our own lives obscure our vision and prevent us from helping those you have for us to help? Help us, oh Lord. Purify us. Prepare us to serve you. Enable us to know you. We pray this in Christ's name.

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Bible Study:

1. Read this week's bible passage and use the chart below to make observations and jot down any questions you have.

Scripture	Your Observations & Questions
<p>Luke 6:37-42</p> <p>³⁷"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."</p> <p>³⁹He also told them this parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.</p> <p>⁴¹"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? ⁴²How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.</p>	

Scripture	Your Observations & Questions
<p>Parallel Passage: Matthew 7:1-6</p> <p>¹ "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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 then turn and tear you to pieces.</p>	

2. Next, use this chart to **interpret some key observations**.

a. Select a few of your observations & questions from pages 2-3 that you find most interesting or important. Rewrite these below, and interpret and apply them using the columns to the right.

b. For each observation, begin to interpret by asking yourself these kinds of questions:

- What does it mean?
- Why is this important?
- What does this tell me about the Father? Jesus? The Holy Spirit?
- Are there other scriptures that could help me understand this?

Observation What does it say?	Interpretation What does it mean?

3. Now consider how you can **apply** the Word to your life. Look for:

- **S**ins to avoid
- **P**romises to believe
- **E**xamples to follow (remember "SPECK")
- **C**ommands to obey
- **K**nowledge to share

Don't just write things to write them – listen carefully to God's Word and what he seems to be teaching you, and look for relevant things that you're truly stirred to do. Then as you do them, God will help you learn, grow, and help others grow.

Application How do I apply what it means?

Look Closer:

4. Use the table below to explore your own experiences in the areas addressed in Luke 6:37-38.

How are you doing in the following areas?	And how are you experiencing these reciprocal things?
a. Judging & condemning others? (seen any “specks” lately?)	d. Feeling/being judged & condemned by others and/or God?
b. Forgiving others?	e. Receiving forgiveness from others and/or God?
c. Giving to others?	f. Receiving things from others and/or God?

g. Do you see any correlations above where you have personally experienced the truths Jesus explains in Luke 6:37-38? In other words, are there areas where what you have done in the left column seems to correlate with what has happened to you in the right column?

5. Is Jesus telling us not to judge anything?

a. What kind of judging should we avoid?
(Consider Rom 2:1-3, Rom 14:4,13, 1 Cor 4:3-5, James 4:12)

b. What kind of judging is encouraged?
(Consider Mt 7:15-20, Mt 16:6, Luke 7:43, Luke 12:57)

6. In Luke 6:39 Jesus refers to an old proverb when he says “Can a blind man lead a blind man?” What kind of blindness is he referring to, and how does this relate to us? The verses below may help.

Mt 15:14

Mt 23:16

John 9:39-41

Rom 2:17-22

1 John 2:11

