



The Fellowship Of The Forgiven

Icebreaker Question: Name one item on your "bucket list".

Opening Question: Looking back to last week's sermon and scripture... How did you live differently or practice what we talked about in your life this week? What did you do and how did it go?

Baptism Sunday Reflection: Did you or anyone in the group get baptized or renew their baptism this past weekend? Celebrate this! Invite them to share their experience if they'd like to.

This Week's Scriptures:

Matthew 7:1-6

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ²For 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? ⁴How 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? ⁵You 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."

Scripture Reflection Questions: Read this week's scripture together and discuss the following:

- How would you describe what Jesus is calling for in these verses? No judgment? Fair judgment? Self judgement? Divine judgment? Other?
- In your words, what do you think Jesus means in verse 2?

Sermon Reflection Questions: Reflecting on this week's sermon, discuss the following:

- When have you felt judged? What was it's effect on you?
- When and how has someone corrected you in a way that helped you grow? What was it about the way they said it that helped you hear it and learn from it?

Closing Question and Application: Given what we've discussed together today, how might God want you to apply these learnings to your life or in the life of your community this next week? Who might you share this with?

Closing group prayer: Spend a few minutes together in your group sharing prayer requests and then praying together for each other. Take the challenging parts of your conversation to Jesus. Thank God for the time together, the conversation shared, the other people in the group, and for encouragement in the week ahead.