

KINGDOM 20/20 VISION

We are continuing our summer series discussing the Kingdom of God. Last week we give emphasis to kingdom priorities and today we look at another kingdom directive given by Jesus – **“First remove the beam out of your own eye then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye...”**

- **aligning our judgement and discernment with His kingdom.**

Matthew 7:1-6 – 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. 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.**

Judgement is a product of the law based on our sin...we get what we deserve. But when we give our lives to Jesus Christ we recognize the fact that Jesus took our punishment and condemnation in Himself and therefore removing judgment from our lives.

2 Corinthians 5:17 – Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!

ENTER DISCERNMENT ...

Discernment: Definition has two different facets given... one secular and one Christian

- **Secular: The ability to judge well- this includes...**all the encumbrances and conclusions we just cited
- **Christian: Discernment only exists with the absence of judgment with a view to obtaining spiritual guidance and understanding:**

Kingdom 20/20 vision is seeing through the eyes of Jesus.

Kingdom discernment only exists in the confines of the “absence of judgement”... must leave room for hope and healing

As Christians we are not allowed to write people off... Call them worthless or render a final judgement as to call them unredeemable

DISCERNMENT REQUIRES KINGDOM ALIGNMENT

... First take the plank out of your own eye...

Seeing clearly...There is a self-examination

- Evaluate our attitude
- Evaluate our motive
- Evaluate our timing
- Evaluate our relationship

DISCERNMENT IS REDEMPTIVE IN NATURE

...Then you will see clearly

Discernment is: a gift of the Holy Spirit... 1 Cor 12

Galatians 6:1 - Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, **you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently...** (NIV)

DISCERNMENT IS PEOPLE FIRST

- Jesus talked to the woman at the well about living water
- Zacchaeus – head tax collector and most hated man in Jericho... he had lunch at his house.
- Women caught in adultery – “your sins are forgiven, now go and sin no more”
- Thief on the cross – “today you will be with me.”

This is never about the speck or the log it is truly about people first.

TCC- let's always lead people to Jesus