

Children's Ministry

THIRD
FOURTH

March 7th || Matthew 7:1-6

Main Point: **We show mercy to other people**

(Try to repeat the main point several times.)

Read Matthew 7:1-6 and ask:

1. How does your judging determine the way you'll be judged?
2. Who is the one with the log in his eye?
3. Who is the one with a speck in his eye?
4. Should you help other people with their sin?

Read Galatians 6:1-5

1. What should your attitude be when restoring a brother?
2. How does helping overcome sin a way to show love?
3. Why is pride so dangerous when confronting someone?
4. How is it helping someone when you confront their sin?

We always think it is easier to see sin in other people's lives, and not notice our own. But Jesus warns us that we should always notice our sin first. We should always see ourselves as the one with the log in our eye. In fact, if we really want to help other people with their sin, we need to first go to God about our own.

Logs in the Eye

Place the "log" across one student's face, so that it crosses over both eyes of the child. Then, place the small dot sticker on shirt of another student. Have the "log student" try to remove the small sticker from the other child. Then, repeat the same illustration, but have the "log child" remove his own "log" first before trying to remove the sticker. Have the students notice how much easier it is one you remove the log.

This does not mean we cannot help other people deal with sin. However, Jesus says that we must first deal with our own sin, so that we can help others. We should not judge harshly, because we know we deal with sin too!

1. Do I confess my own sins to God?
2. Do I show mercy to other people?

Driving it
home...



"for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY."—1 Peter 2:10

Mercy means that we do not receive the punishment we deserve for our sin. Jesus tells the disciples that they should be showing mercy to other people, because we've also experienced mercy from God. We do not deserve mercy ourselves, but because of the work of Jesus for us, God now pours out His mercy on us. Our proper response is to show mercy to other people!