



Introduction

? How much do you know about camping? What are the essential elements of camping?

? What are the requirements for a good campsite? Why did you select these things?

1. A Two-Way Street (Matt. 7:1-4)

? According to Jesus, what happens when we apply a standard of judgment to someone else?


? If this wasn't a prohibition on judgment, then what was Jesus' intended meaning in this passage?


? Why should we avoid condemning judgment against our brothers and sisters?

? Application: When you evaluate the life of another Christian, do you do so with the finished work of Christ on the cross in mind? When you see the sin of another Christian do you desire for the Lord to work in their lives to bring them to repentance, or do you have feelings of superiority and disdain toward them? Do you hold yourself to this same standard? Why or why not?


2. How Not to Be a Hypocrite (Matt. 7:5)


? What did Jesus mean in teaching His followers to "take the beam of wood out" of their own eyes?

 Read Matthew 18:21-35. How does this parable relate to the principle of assessing one another according to the gospel? How does a right understanding of the gospel inevitably lead us to show mercy toward others?


 Application: How does the gospel change the way you view the sin of others? How are you more inclined to be merciful and humble with a brother's or sister's sin when you are keenly aware of your own need for forgiveness?


3. Dealing with Dogs and Hogs (Matt. 7:6)


 What did Jesus prohibit in verse 6? What did He mean by dogs and hogs?

 Application: How might you seek discernment from the Holy Spirit when seeking to share the gospel with others?

Conclusion

 Where have you been guilty of recognizing the sin of others without recognizing your own sin? How might you seek to be more self-aware of your sin?

 How can you guard against judging unto condemnation and make sure that you practice gospel-soaked discernment with others?

 How might living charitably toward one another give Christians an opportunity to share with those who do not yet follow Christ?

Daily Readings

- Monday - 1 Peter 2:9
- Tuesday - Colossians 3:1
- Wednesday - 1 Peter 5:8
- Thursday - Colossians 3:10
- Friday - 1 Corinthians 6:11
- Saturday - John 17:15-18