

The Plank and the Speck

Matthew 7:1-6

1. No playing _____!

Matthew 7:1 "Do not judge, or you too will be judged."

- Acts 20:16 Paul had **decided** to sail past Ephesus...
- Acts 21:25 ...we have written to them our **decision**...
- John 3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to **condemn** the world, but to save the world through him.
- James 4:12 There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?
- James 5:19-20 My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, **20** remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.
- Galatians 6:1 Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.
- 1 Corinthians 5:12

2. A bad case of _____.

Matthew 7:3-5 "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, (you faker, you poser) first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

The Point of the Plank:

- Dealing with another person's sin must be done from a position of _____-examination and _____.
- Tough conversations must be brought across a strong bridge - the bridge of _____.

Some useful questions about planks and specks:

- Do I struggle with the same problem that I see in my brother or sister?
- Do I desire to see them helped and healed, or do I just not want them to get away with it anymore?
- Do I spend time gossiping about their sin of others? Or am I willing to examine my heart and approach the person directly?
- In what way can I approach my brother or sister so that the most likely result will be healing?

Next Steps for Growth:

I want to begin to follow Jesus today.

I want to be contacted by a pastor.

I want to be baptized.

I want to become a member.

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Change my contact info

Mailing Address: _____

I am a: 1st time guest 2nd time guest Regular Attendee Member (taken membership class & committed to membership covenant)

3. Dogs, Pigs and _____?

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.*

Prayer Requests/Praise Items: _ Put this on the prayer chain.