

Week 8 – Sermon on the Mount

“Do Unto Others”

Matthew 7:1-12

I. **Avoid** _____ **judgement.** (vv. 1-5)

II. **Practice** _____ **judgement.** (v. 6)

III. _____ in prayer. (vv. 1-11)

IV. Love as _____ . (v. 12)

Time to MARINATE...

- 1) How have you heard the command to “judge not” be interpreted and applied incorrectly? What is the result?
- 2) Each week we fill out prayer request forms. Why do you think we’re so hesitant to list *spiritual* needs? (We’ll eagerly ask prayer for Sally’s grandma’s knee surgery, but often won’t even think to ask for others to pray for increased faith, a more generous spirit, to ability to forgive, etc. Why? What does this reveal?)
- 3) Failure to persist in prayer is never due merely to a lack of time or too many distractions. It is ultimately rooted in our view of God. What does your prayer life reveal about your view of God?
- 4) If you have children at home, how would your parenting change if you faithfully applied the Golden Rule? How about your marriage?
- 5) Who comes to mind when you are confronted with the command to treat others as you would like to be treated? What one practical action step can you take towards Christ-like love in this relationship?