



Sermon Discussion Guide

6.14.26 Message | Jacob Wiemelt | Luke 6:37-49

Note: This discussion guide is designed for both group and individual use. While some questions are written with group discussion in mind, individuals can still use this guide for personal reflection, journaling, and prayer. Simply adapt any group-oriented questions for your own study time.

LOOK BACK - Relationship & Accountability (~15% of your discussion)

→ Share Life

- What's something simple you're thankful for right now?
- What's been taking most of your attention lately?
- Is there anyone in your community who needs help right now, and how can our group come alongside them?

→ Follow Up From Last Time

- As you think back to last week, what stood out or stayed with you?
- Was there anything you felt invited to try, practice, or pay attention to this week? How did that go?
- Did that show up in any conversations, choices, or moments this week?
- Where did you see God at work - even in small ways?

LOOK UP – Scripture & Discovery (~60%)

→ Read (twice, in different translations)

- Read the text you are studying this week in the ESV out loud.
- Read the text you are studying this week a second time in an alternate version.

→ Retell

- In your own words, summarize what the author is saying in this passage.

Key Scripture (ESV)

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” He also told them this parable: “Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit? The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher. “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? How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye. “No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”

- *Luke 6:37-49*

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Jesus' command to “judge not” is not a call to ignore sin or avoid accountability; it is a warning against a condemning and self-righteous spirit.
 - The way we view others is often connected to how honestly we view ourselves.
 - Mercy grows when we remember the mercy we have received from God.
 - It is easy to focus on others' failures while overlooking our own need for grace.
 - Jesus calls His followers to examine their own hearts before attempting to correct someone else.
 - Disciples of Jesus learn to see people through the lens of redemption rather than reducing them to their worst moments.
 - A life shaped by God's mercy increasingly reflects His mercy toward others.
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CONVERSATION STARTER

Have you ever made a quick assumption about someone that later turned out to be wrong? What changed your perspective?

DISCUSS THE MESSAGE (Does your group understand the message?)

- What did you like about this passage?
- Did you find anything difficult about this passage?
- What does this passage teach about God?
- What does this passage teach about people?

THINK DEEPER (Does your group understand the passage?)

- In **Luke 6:37–38**, Jesus connects judging, condemning, forgiving, and giving. What do you notice about the way these responses are connected?
 - Jesus uses the image of a **speck and a log** in **verses 41–42**. Why do you think it is often easier to see faults in others than in ourselves?
 - In **Luke 18:9–14**, the Pharisee thanks God that he is not like other people. What do you think Jesus wants His followers to learn from that story?
 - The message suggested that we can begin to see people primarily through their failures, mistakes, or reputation. Why is that such a natural tendency?
 - In **Luke 6:43–45**, Jesus says good trees produce good fruit. How does this help explain why Jesus focuses so much on the condition of our hearts?
 - The sermon emphasized that disciples are called to see people differently because they have experienced God's mercy. How does remembering God's mercy toward us change the way we view others?
 - In **2 Corinthians 5:14–19**, Paul says believers no longer regard people according to the flesh. What are some labels or categories people commonly use to define others today?
 - Jesus ends this section by talking about building on a solid foundation (**Luke 6:46–49**). What connection do you see between hearing Jesus' words and actually putting them into practice?
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BRIDGE QUESTION

Based on this passage, what kinds of responses does it invite? What direction does it point our lives toward?

LOOK FORWARD – Application & Mission (~25%)

→ Inside Me

- Where do I need to bring my sin into the light instead of hiding it?
- What is one concrete step of obedience I can take this week to pursue Jesus in that area?

→ **Who Else?**

- Who might need encouragement that grace is real and change is possible?
- How can I move toward them with love and truth this week?

→ **Pray Together**

- Pray for clarity to see Jesus more clearly and follow Him faithfully.
- Pray for strength to resist anything that competes for our allegiance and next steps.
- Pray for courage and grace to take the next faithful step that God is inviting us into.