

**PARABLE OF THE SPECK AND THE LOG**

Matthew 7:1-5

This discussion is for the Friday Morning Men’s Fellowship teaching series, “The Parables”, available at leadmin.org/parables.



Use one of these to get the group talking about today’s topic:

• What habit do some others have that drives you crazy? Why?

• Have you ever witnessed someone else behaving badly in public? On a plane or train? At a restaurant? How did it go down and what were you thinking about that person?

• When you have a disagreement with someone, are you more likely to confront the issue directly, let it linger and hope it dies out, or solve it in some other manner?



Go in-depth with these questions. Based on your available time, choose 3-4 that you believe are most thought-provoking:

• Read Matthew 7:1-5. What kind of judgement is Jesus talking about in verses 1 and 2?

* What is “the plank in your own eye” when it comes to dealing with others?
* Why is it important that in dealing with others we do not act as hypocrites?
* Is Jesus talking here about “brothers” as fellow believers in Christ, or as any other person in our sphere of influence? Why?
* Jesus often used illustrations that were from everyday life. Remember, He started out as a carpenter—so speck of sawdust, log/plank resonated. What was Jesus trying to convey through this particular story?
* Do you have an example of the illustration playing itself out in life or work?



• What is something in your life or leadership that might be “the plank in your own eye”? How might you take steps to begin removing it this week?

• Do you believe you have been judgmental or a hypocrite in a situation in life or work? Is there something you might do to correct this, or change your reaction the next time?

• There is a lesson in self-awareness in the illustration. How might you pray this week as you ask God to help you become more self-aware in areas of your life?