

## Would You Rather? “Be Judged or Be Asked?” – Jim Burgen April 27-28, 2019

### Group Creed

We come together as a Group with the goal of Spiritual Formation; encouraging one another to become the same kind of person that Jesus is, so that we can live out every part of our lives inside of His Kingdom.

Bible References: Matthew 7:1-12 and James 2:16-20

### Community:

1. If you're up in front of a group of people do you worry about what they're thinking?
2. Can you share a story about when you felt judged for who you are or what you did?

### Core:

1. Jim said that in almost everything we do we make choices about how we see things and what we're going to believe is true. He also said what we do externally reveals what we truly believe internally. Where do you see this the most in your life?
2. **Read Matthew 7:1-5.** How would you say you judge most people? What are some “specks” you look for in others, and likewise, what is the “plank” you need to work on?
3. **Read Matthew 7:6** Have you been in a circumstance where someone tried to cram a Bible verse(s) down your throat or have you done that to others? What was the result?
4. **Read Matthew 7:7-12.** What are some ways you've seen people *asking, seeking, and knocking* to reach out to those who need Jesus? Can you give some good, practical ways of *asking, seeking, and knocking*?

### Challenge:

Jim ended his message this weekend by asking, “*Who in your life right now have you judged without knowing?*” and “*Is there one person that might need someone to listen, rather than being ‘fixed’?*” Who are those people in your life? Ask, seek and knock: Ask God to open your eyes to who they are. Then, seek them out, and finally, knock on their door—reach out to them and begin that conversation with grace and truth.