



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of January 2, 2022

Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.

Sermon Text

Luke 6:37-42

37 “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; 38 give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.” 39 He also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? 40 A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. 41 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 42 How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiiKaichurch.org/sermononline>

Summary

In this week's message Jesus continues to teach us that it is not easy to be His follower. In fact, it could be said that it is impossible to love, forgive, and give as Jesus calls us to, without the life changing power of the gospel enabling the believer to obey these commands. Unless we as Christians fully understand and are convinced that the Gospel is true and has been applied in our lives, we will continue to live as those who are blind to the reality of the Kingdom of God as revealed to us by Christ. To the extent we have experienced the love, forgiveness and generosity of God in our own lives, we will be able to show the same to others - even to those whom we do not deem worthy of it.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is it so hard for people *not* to judge and condemn others? Similarly, why is it so hard to forgive and be generous to those who have hurt or wronged us?
2. Why should a Christian use a “big measure” when dishing out forgiveness and generosity towards even our enemies? Will forgiveness and generosity *always* return to us when we are forgiving and generous with others? Why or why not?
3. How is the unbelieving world “blind” and why should we not follow them? How and why do Christians sometimes think they know more than their teacher?
4. What kind of “log” do you have in your eye? What is required before you can take the speck out of your brother or sister’s eye?