



- Flying Standby -

Ice-Breaker:

Have you ever thought about the number of opinions you have from the moment you arrive at an airport to the time you take off? Have you ever noticed how often we form opinions of other people when we travel? Why do we find ourselves making so many value judgments of others when we don't even know them?

Discussion Questions:

Read Matthew 7:1-6

1. Why does the church battle with being judgmental, and why does the outside world see it so often?
2. Discuss this statement: "You cannot judge a person by what others say about them, but you can judge a person by what they say about others."

Read Matthew 7:3-4

3. How do you define gossip? If you applied that definition to your life in the church, would Jesus bless your behavior in the church or condemn it?
4. Explain what you heard when PK said, "What you see in others is just a reflection of what you see in you."

Read Matthew 7:5-6, 1st Corinthians 2:15, John 7:24

5. How do we hold the tension as someone who judges correctly, while the world only hears a judgmental person?

Application:

- **If you shouldn't judge a tree by its leaves, then should you judge it by its fruits?**
- **How do we fight against a judgmental spirit within ourselves? What are some little steps we can take to overcome that spirit?**