

SERMON *on the* MOUNT

Who Am I to Judge?

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The Discipline of Plank-Removal

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James 5:16

1. How have you been spending time with God this week?
2. Who are you sharing your faith with? How is it going?
3. How have you used your gifts for God this week?
4. Are your heart attitudes and relationships honoring God?
5. Have you given in to sexual sin in any way?
6. Is your financial life above reproach?
7. Are you serving your family, friends, others sacrificially?
8. Have you made any decisions that dishonor Christ?
9. Ask me, "_____?"
10. Are you being completely honest?

The Art of Speck-Removal

Approach in _____ (Galatians 6:1-3)

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Respond with _____ (II Timothy 4:2)

Filter through _____ (II Timothy 3:16-17)

Always in _____ and _____ (James 5:19-20)

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Questions from Sermon on June 7, 2026

Summer Studies – If you're looking for a way to grow in your relationship with Christ this summer while Growth Groups are on break, jump into one of our Summer Studies:

- **The Familiar Stranger** – Discover who the Holy Spirit is & how you can experience more of his work in your life today.
 - **So What's the Difference?** – Explore various World Religions and faith systems.
 - **Truth, Goodness & Beauty** – Explore how the arts can help us experience and express truth, goodness and beauty.
- See more details and register at rmchurch.org.

Getting to Know Me

1. What's a funny or embarrassing mistake you made as a kid that you can laugh about now?
2. Who's someone in your life who was honest with you in a way that helped you? What made their approach work?

Digging Deeper

3. What from Sunday's message gave you new insight into how to deal with sin in your own life and in the lives of others?
4. Read Luke 6:39-42. What does Jesus characterize as a hypocrite, and what would it look like to avoid becoming one?
5. Read Galatians 6:1-3 and 1 Thessalonians 5:14. What attitudes should shape how we confront sin, and how often do we get that right?

6. Proverbs 26:4-5 seem to contradict one another, but they actually point out that there are times to offer correction and times not to. What do you draw from these verses? And how can you discern the difference?

Making it Personal

7. Which of the attributes of The Art of Speck-Removal comes most naturally for you (humility, patience, scripture, love & mercy)? Which do you need to ask God to grow in you today?
8. Pastor Phil shared his weekly accountability questions. Do you have anything like that in your own life? If not, what would it take for you to build that in?
9. Is there someone in your life right now who might need a gentle word from you, or from whom you need to invite honest feedback? What's making that feel easy or difficult?
10. What's one practical step you could take this week – either to deal with a 'plank' in your own life, or to lovingly support someone else who is struggling? (*Allow people to share only what they're comfortable with.*)

Prayer

Close by reading together Psalm 139:23-24, and then open for prayer:

“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

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