| Kingdom Living Specks, Beams, & Blind Spots: A Call t Matthew 7:1-6 | to Self-Examination February 23, 2025 |
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| Examine your | _ |
| It's hard to know others' | |
| Our judgment is often | |
| We don't usually have all the | |
| The we use for others will be | for us |
| and befo | re confronting |
| Not everyone will | |

Questions to think about....

- 1. When you hear the phrase **"Do not judge"**, what comes to mind? How have you seen this verse used or misused?
- 2. Have you ever felt unfairly judged by someone? How did it impact you?
- 3. Have you ever judged someone too quickly and later realized you were wrong? What happened?
- 4. **Read Matthew 7:1-2.** What do you think Jesus means when He says, *"With the measure you use, it will be measured to you"*? How does this principle apply in everyday life?
- 5. **Read Matthew 7:3-5.** Why do you think Jesus uses the imagery of a plank (log) and a speck? How does this illustration challenge the way we view others?
- 6. Jesus calls us to first **examine ourselves** before helping others. Why do you think self-examination is so important? What are some practical ways to do this?
- 7. **Read Matthew 7:6.** What do you think Jesus means by not throwing what is holy to dogs or casting pearls before swine? How does this verse relate to judgment and discernment?
- 8. How can we practice **humility and grace** in our relationships when we see faults in others? What role does prayer play in this?
- 9. Is there someone you've been judging unfairly? How can you approach them with **love**, **humility**, **and wisdom** instead?