

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Nine: Matthew 7:1–29

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1. Verses 1–5 are Jesus' commands regarding our judgment of others. Give **at least** 4 truths from Jesus' teaching regarding His view of believers judging others.

2. In verse 5 Jesus tells us what to do before we judge someone.
 - a) What are we to do?

 - b) Share a time you did do this and the result.

 - c) Share a time you did not do this and the result.

3.
 - a) Explain in your own words what Jesus is teaching in verse 6.

 - b) Have you ever experienced this type of trampling and tearing?

4.
 - a) Explain in your own words what Jesus is teaching in verses 7–11.

 - b) Have you observed this to be true in your life? State why or why not.

5. a) Does verse 12 sound familiar? State why.

b) How can this one verse sum up the Law and the Prophets?

6. Verses 13 and 14 speak of two gates.
 - a) Describe what the two gates represent.

b) Share which gate you've passed through.

7. a) Have you ever experienced a false prophet in sheep's clothing?
Share this experience but do not name any individual nor church denomination.

b) How did you realize they were false?

8. a) Describe your spiritual heart and what it is built upon.

b) Share how this foundation has kept you safe or has harmed you.

9. a) Look back to Matthew 5:1 and state to whom Jesus was speaking.

b) Now in 7:28 state who has heard this teaching and what was the result.

Going Deeper:

10. a) What important truths about authentic Christianity do verses 21–23 teach?

b) What do you think Jesus will say about you when you see Him? Be honest.

c) What will you do about this?

