SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Matthew 7:1–6 **Preaching Date:** November 8, 2026 **Preacher:** Monty Simao

Understanding the Text

1. Many people quote Jesus' words "Do not judge" as though Christians must never make moral judgments. How does the rest of Scripture (John 7:24; Matthew 18; 1 Corinthians 5) correct that misunderstanding? What kind of judging does Jesus forbid?

2. In verses 1–2, Jesus warns that the measure we use for others will be measured to us. Why is this such a serious warning? How should we understand it in light of justification by faith alone and God's fatherly discipline of His children?

3. What does the absurd picture of a speck in one eye and a log in another reveal about self-deception (vv. 3–5)? Why does Jesus say to remove our own log first rather than simply leave our brother's speck alone?

4. How does David's response to Nathan's parable (2 Samuel 12) illustrate the hypocrisy Jesus condemns? What does Galatians 6:1 teach us about the right attitude and goal when confronting another believer's sin?

5. In verse 6, why does Jesus warn against casting pearls before swine? How is this command consistent with verses 1–5? What does Jesus' silence before Herod (Luke 23:8–9) teach us about exercising wise discernment?

Personal Reflection & Application

1. Where are you tempted to excuse your own sins while being severe toward others—in your marriage, family, friendships, or church? What would it look like to remove the log from your own eye?

2. Is there someone whose sin you need to address? How would remembering your own need for God's mercy change your attitude, words, and purpose as you seek to restore that person rather than condemn him or her?

3. Do you tend to avoid necessary correction, or to keep arguing with someone who is only mocking the truth? How can you practice both courage and restraint without giving up hope for anyone's repentance?

4. How does Christ's perfect obedience and sacrifice free you to admit your sin instead of defending yourself? In light of Matthew 7:7–11, what specific grace—humility, gentleness, or wisdom—will you ask your heavenly Father to give you?