

**Finding Fault (Matthew 7:1-6)**

**Introduction**

- What is Jesus talking about in this passage?
- What is the Sermon on the Mount all about?
- What did Jesus deal with at the end of Matthew 6?

**i Don't be a fault-finder (v1-2)**

- What is Jesus not forbidding here?
- How do we know that?
- What can the Greek word translated "judge" mean?
- Which meaning best fits the context here?
- What does Jesus want you not to be?
- Give some examples of that sort of attitude.
- Why is it serious if we are judgmental?
- Who will make sure that v2 happens?
- Can you see this attitude in your own life?

**ii Don't put up a façade (v3-5)**

- What does the man with the speck stand for?
- What does the man with the plank stand for?
- What, then, is Jesus teaching?
- What is the first lesson this teaches us?

- Which verse teaches us about the nature of the human heart?
- What are we called to do before we correct others?
- When did you last stop to examine yourself?
- What is the second lesson this teaches us?
- What is the third lesson this teaches us?
- What will be true if you are a hypocrite?

### iii Don't make yourself a fool (v6)

- What do you not give to dogs?
- What do you not give to pigs?
- So what is the point of Jesus' words here?
- In context what should we be careful about doing?
- How does this relate to our sharing of the gospel?
- What are we not to do with God's good gifts?
- Are we ever to persevere in sharing the gospel, then?
- What is the first challenge this verse gives us?
- What is the second challenge this verse gives us?