



PLANKS & SPECKS

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SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: Luke 6:36-42

MAIN POINT: A disciple of Jesus must be careful how he lives before God and before others.

KEY IDEAS:

- Jesus outlines three further distinguishing marks of being his disciple.

1. A disciple is careful how he lives with regard to others.

- The call as a disciple of Jesus Christ is a call to reflect God's gracious, merciful and forgiving character to the world.
- Being careful how we live with regard to others creates a platform for the gospel.

2. A disciple is careful how he lives with regard to his teacher.

- We must be careful who we are following because it can have serious repercussions.

3. A disciple is careful how he lives with regard to himself.

- Warning to guard against self-righteousness and hypocrisy.

FELLOWSHIP STARTERS:

Truth Reigns...

1. What has been the most challenging aspect of what you have heard today?
2. How does being careful in how you live with regard to other create a platform for the gospel?

Humility Grows...

3. How can we grow in being careful how we live towards others and reflect God's mercy to them?
4. Who or what is your teacher? Who or what is defining reality for you and telling you what is most important in this life? How can we help one another avoid following the wrong teacher?
5. Ask your spouse or close friend if there are any areas in your life where you are exhibiting hypocrisy and self-righteousness? How can you change in this area?

Prayer Covers...

6. Pray for one another that we might experience God's grace to pursue genuine obedience and be faithful disciples.

Encouragement Flows...

7. Take time to encourage someone (your spouse, friend or group member) in an area where you have observed them being careful how they live towards others.