

Building Update

Very thankfully \$115,000 has been given and/or pledged for our new facilities!

Our initial need for Phase 1 is \$225,000, so we are now working with the building owner to explore financing options which will enable us to not have worship services and begin sharing the building with multiple organizations.



The goal is to secure our funding direction in June, allowing us to begin renovations by mid / late summer and hopefully be able to meet in the building for worship by mid Fall. We will update continually as we know more.

KINGDOM LIFE

**OUTRAGEOUS HOPE
FOR ORDINARY LIFE**

“Of Splinters and Logs”

Sunday, June 2, 2019

Matthew 7:1-5

**A WORSHIP SERIES THROUGH
JESUS' SERMON ON THE MOUNT**

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Other People · Reviews

 6.7/10	 86%	 67
IMDb	Rotten Tomatoes	Metacritic



“Yelp for People”

Verbally
Virtually
Internally



“Judge not, lest ye be judged”

Over Others

I perpetually evaluate the behavior, appearance and heart of others.

“I can’t believe she is wearing that”

“Did you see who he’s dating?”

Grammar Police

Moral Judge

Over Myself

And I’m self-conscious and insecure of how others are judging me:

Is my sermon good enough?

How do I look? My weight? Height?

Am I enough?

Have I “gone too far”?



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And some things feel either selfish or ridiculous



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Because there really is horrendous wrong in this world

And we NEED for the scales of justice to be made right



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Seeing My Blindness

Insecure and unaware
of our own brokenness

We are all terrified of "not being
enough," so we naturally notice
and devalue others so that, in
turn, we will be "higher"

We aren't merely judging
someone's outsides,
we are putting ourselves in God's
place and judging their hearts



“with the measure you use it will be measured to you”

Remember earlier in Jesus' Sermon:
“You have heard it said....but I tell you...”
Adultery; Murder; Loving Enemies

***I am in the exact
same need of grace.***

But let's be honest, we don't really believe that.
Because sin has made us blind to myself and others



“with the measure you use it will be measured to you”

I deny it

*“I’m not nearly as bad.”
“But I’ve never _____”*

I excuse it

*“I didn’t mean to”
“I was having a terrible day”*

The ONLY way I can see, is if The Holy Spirit opens my eyes



Romans 2:1-2

Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. ² We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things.



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“There but for the grace of God, goes John Bradford”

- John Bradford, as he watched prisoners being taken to the gallows (c. 1550), before he would eventually be burned at the stake.



Psalm 130:3-4

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

Romans 7:24-25a

Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me
from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God
through Jesus Christ our Lord!



What precisely is profound in Christianity is that Christ is both our atoner and our judge, not that one is our atoner and another our judge, for then we would nevertheless come to be judged, but that the atoner and the judge are the same.

Søren Kierkegaard

The ONLY one with the vision and right to judge is Jesus:

- 1) As The Judge, he has rightly declared us guilty
- 2) And then, on the cross, he took our place and paid our price
- 3) So that we are NO LONGER GUILTY

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...and then...

Once God has brought us to a place of humble dependence where we don't see ourselves as better than others...

...take the speck...

We need each other.

We CANNOT see many of our destructive ways.



Galatians 6:1

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

“Brother and Sister”

- 1) This is for fellow believers
- 2) Motivated out of LOVE
- 3) It must be a “safe” relationship



When I see (and am frustrated by) the sin of others...

I need to first see MY need for Grace

Then bring my debt-log to the cross of Jesus

Be a part of a safe and maturing fellowship that regularly calls one another to repentance and forgiveness.