

## SERMON NOTES

### “Responding To An Age of Polarization” | Pastor Matthew Ruttan July 12, 2020 – Westminster Church, Barrie – Live Stream

This sermon explores Matthew 7:1-5, a part of Jesus’ famous Sermon on the Mount.

- For the sermon, make sure to have your Bible with you. And don’t be afraid to take notes of insights you have about the text.
- Follow along with this sheet to more deeply engage with Jesus’ teaching.

1. We live in an age of polarization. What is one of dictionary.com’s definitions of “to polarize”? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name an issue in our society right now that is highly polarizing in its rhetoric.

3. Matthew 7:1 says, “Do not judge, or you too will be judged.” Pastor Ruttan explained that people who “judge” others (in this biblical sense) condemn them, and are acting in a way that is “too severe and too \_\_\_\_\_.”

4. A “hypocrite” (verse 5) is a \_\_\_\_\_.

5. According to verse 5, what do you have to do before you offer correction to someone else?

6. Observation #1: It’s disappointing (\_\_\_\_\_) that there is so much sin in the world.

7. Observation #2: God is the ultimate \_\_\_\_\_, not us.

8. Observation #3: It’s very hard for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to come out of the same mouth at the same time.

9. Suggestion: Deal with your own sin \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Pastor Ruttan said, “Humility holds a mirror.” What does that mean?

11. Collin Hansen (host of the Gospelbound Podcast and author of the book Blind Spots. He asks, “Can you love a Christian \_\_\_\_\_ differently than you do?”