

# LOUDER THAN WORDS



## Louder Than Words - Week 2

### Message Discussion Questions

#### Introduction:

This week Matt continues a new series called 'Louder than Words'. If we're truly Christians and Jesus has transformed our lives, there's something that's louder than the words we speak, and that's our actions.

There are a few qualities that should be flowing out of our lives as Christians, and yet for most of us, if we were honest, we're not much different than the world around us. This week for Part 2 we're looking at the importance of having 'A Gracious Attitude'. What does it look like to live that out?

#### Questions:

1. As you look at the mirror, are you judgmental? Do you ever find yourself judging others for the way they live? Are you guilty of 'krino'? Is it wrong for a Christian to be judgmental? Why is it easy to fall into judging others, does it come natural for you? Matthew 7:1-5
2. What does it mean to have a gracious attitude towards other people? What does it mean to 'yank the plank' and choose grace? As a Christian why should you choose grace?
3. What should it mean to have tolerance? How is that different from how our culture has redefined it, has our culture destroyed the idea of tolerance? Do you see tolerance as a bad thing? Can you take a stand for truth and still be tolerant of others?
4. As a follower of Jesus, why is it so important to live by grace? How would your life be different? What does it mean to go 'speck hunting', and why is that a bad thing?

5. Why would a judgmental attitude be extremely destructive? Is it be bad to move away from doctrines of the Bible to setting up your own standards? Why is that similar to what Jesus found with the Jewish religious leaders? Matthew 7:1
6. What makes a judgmental attitude highly contagious? How does a judgmental attitude spread like wildfire through a congregation? Why would it spread so quickly and easily? Could a church become a 'jungle of judgment'? How is a judgmental attitude like a yo-yo? Matthew 7:2
7. How can you know that a judgmental attitude can be incredibly blinding? Why does it keep you from seeing people from God's perspective? What is the obstruction that gets in the way? Matthew 7:3-5

**Key Takeaway:** *Are you known as a gracious person, or are you known for being judgmental? Isn't it time to decide today to yank the plank and choose grace? Can we decide together to be known for grace?*

**Summary:**

- Are you judgmental? Do you judge others?
- What does it mean to have a gracious attitude?
- What should it mean for you to have tolerance?
- As a Jesus follower, why is it important for you to live by grace?
- Why is a judgmental attitude extremely destructive?
- How is a judgmental attitude highly contagious?
- Why is a judgmental attitude incredibly blinding?