GROUP ICE BREAKER
Share one way you saw God’s brilliance this week.

REVIEW LAST WEEK’S NEXT STEPS
What, if any, next step did you commit to last week? How did it go?
- I will stop judging the behavior of others and trust that to God.
- I will not hold other Christians to my standard of right and wrong when it's not supported in Scripture.
- I will guard myself from becoming legalistic in my assessment of others.
- I will obey Jesus’ command and take the plank out of my eye.
- I will focus on the plank in my eye, not the speck in someone else’s.

THIS WEEK’S SERMON RECAP
Maybe the most misunderstood, one of the most misapplied verses in the Bible, is the verse we’ll talk about this week. In Matthew 7:6, Jesus says in the Sermon on the Mount, “Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet and turn and tear you to pieces.” As we do the work of interpreting what Jesus meant by this, we will discover Jesus is getting to a deep problem in human relationships. He’s giving wisdom that could save your friendships, your marriage, or your relationship with your kids. Join us Sunday as we continue to learn from Jesus through the Sermon on the Mount.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
1. Read Matthew 7:6, what were your initial thoughts or big takeaway after reading the verse together?
2. Did this week’s message change the way you think about the verse or understand this verse?
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (CONT)

3. Have you ever experienced someone pushing a pearl in your relationship?
4. How did it make you feel to receive unwanted advice that was steeped in condemnation or judgment?
5. What does it look like to start the process of forgiveness or reconciliation with a person who hurt you in the pearl pushing conversations?
6. Have you ever been the one to push your pearl?
7. Often times pushing our pearl comes about because we want the best for someone in our relationship. How does this week’s sermon challenge the way you have conversations that could be seen as pearl pushing?

NEXT STEPS FOR THIS WEEK (COMMIT TO GROW)

❖ I will work on knowing what to say and when to say it.
❖ I will obey the law of supply and demand when telling others about my faith.
❖ I will not force my wisdom on a non-receptive person.
❖ I will own my part in helping to pass the torch of faith to the next generation.
SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Matthew 7:6
Matthew 5:44-45
Proverbs 27:14

Prayer Requests

Take time to share how you can be praying for each other over the next week:

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