

THE GREATEST STORY EVER *Retold*

Week Three: *Planks, Specks, Pearls, and Pigs Part 1*

TODAY'S VERSES:

Matthew 7:2
Matthew 7:1-6
Titus 3:12
John 18:31
1 Corinthians 4:5
John 7:24
Genesis 3:10-12
Psalm 19:12

UPCOMING:

2020 Giving

All statements have been sent out for 2020. If you haven't received yours or found an error, please email bookkeeping@ourelement.org

Royal Family Kids Valentine's Day Cards

RFK is collecting Valentine's Day cards for foster children in their program. We are asking you to write a Valentine's, it may be homemade or store bought, and may include a trinket or stickers, but no candy.

Email justine.cassaro@ourelement.org for the list of names, and more information.

Find all links at:
<https://linktr.ee/ourelement>

BIG IDEA:

Sometimes one of the greatest prayers we can pray is not, "Lord, change them," it is, "Lord, change me and my attitude." The focus on God's rescue of us should lead us to the place where we cease thinking how great we are and start to live as if Jesus is great. The Gospel is the only way we will ever take responsibility for our own life and not walk away dejected.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What do you think it means "to judge?" When do you think it is OK to judge and where is it not OK to judge?

How have you experienced that judging and blaming tears down other people and their work in your eyes?

How have you experienced that blaming wastes energy?

How have you experienced that judging spoils relationships?

How have you experienced that blaming poisons families?

How have you experienced that judging undermines workplaces?

How have you experienced that judging violates love?

How have you experienced rationalizing judging and blaming?

Read Matthew 7:1-6.

Describe the three types of judging used in Scripture, and which meaning is found in Matthew 7.

How is judging in Matthew 7 assuming God's position in evaluating the worthiness of His creatures?

How does God judge?

Do you rejoice that Jesus will be the only one to judge you?

What planks do you have in your eyes?

What sin might the Spirit be convicting you of?

Thank the Spirit's work of convicting you of your sin.

What do you need to take responsibility for in your relationships with others?

What, specifically, do you need to ask God to change within you and how you relate to others?