



# RESOURCES FOR GROUPS

**TITLE:** Three Chairs  
**TEXT:** Matthew 7:1-6

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## COMMUNITY BUILDING:

- Who was your best friend when you were a kid? What did you like to do together?

## CHRIST-CENTERED DISCUSSION:

**Bold** indicates zoom friendly OR to be used with spiritual growth partners. *Italicized green text is the leader guide.*

- **What are the "3 Chairs?" How do they differ from each other? How do you know which you are called to sit on in a particular circumstance?**
- Share a time when you drew a conclusion about or judged someone and then found out you were wrong. Has someone ever judged you when they were wrong?
- In what kind of circumstances are you called to be a "fellow sinner, not a critic"? Can you think of examples from your life?  
*Often, this is the chair we should sit in for people with whom we don't have a relationship or trusted platform to speak as a faithful friend.*
- Are there people in your life with whom you are called to be "faithful friends?" Has anyone ever confronted you as a "faithful friend?" How did you take it?
- It has been said "The problem with our blind spots is that we don't see them." Who could you ask to help you see your own blind spots?  
*Skip this question if you had a good response to the previous one. If members of your group don't have "faithful friends" in their lives, the idea that everyone has blind spots may compel them to identify someone they could ask to help them uncover those places they don't see.*
- **What practices will help you deal with the log in your own eye? How can you properly help someone else get the "little splinter out of their eye?" What advice do Galatians 6:1-2 and James 1:19 offer?**  
*Some answers could include: Be conscious of your own sin, be full of compassion and sympathy, not condemning, understanding, be prayerful, ask God to search and know your own heart, reflecting on our own experiences when someone else spoke into our lives regarding our blind spots.*
- What would you do to prepare your heart going into a conversation as a "wise warrior?"  
*Refer back to the first part of the Sermon on the Mount from Matthew 5, the warning from Matthew 6 about your heart's attitude as you do good and Galatians 6:1-2 and James 1:19 for pointers.*
- What are some practical ways to overcome a critical or judgmental spirit?  
*Some ideas include: Read I Corinthians. 13 and Matthew 7:1-6 every day; face the truth about yourself; be humble; examine your attitude towards others.*

## FAITHFULLY FOLLOWING:

- Individually or as a group, discuss how you will practically live out these truths this week? Pray for the power of the Spirit to equip you to do it in humility and full of grace and truth.
- The Joyful Journey resource page on our website has many Faithfully Following pieces.