

# The Gap: My Plank and Your Speck

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## Key Scriptures

Romans 12:3; Matthew 7:1-5; Psalm 139:23-24

## Start It

1. What are your pet peeves (at work, home, or in your community)?
2. When do you feel it's your place to speak up?

## Study It

1. By what measure will we be judged? (Matthew 7)
2. What did Jesus call those who ignore their own imperfections and focus on the flaws of others? Why?
3. How should Christians think about themselves according to Romans 12:3?
4. Why is it necessary to deal with one's own sins first?

## Apply It

1. What measuring stick would you like used on you? The one you use?
2. What causes us to become critical, judgmental people?
3. When, if ever, should we criticize or judge someone else?
4. How can we become more merciful and nonjudgmental?

## Live It

Make a list this week of faults you readily notice in others that may be a "plank" for you to remove. Pray for God to humble you by showing you any judgmental spirit you carry.

## Memorize It

### Psalm 25:9

*He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.*

## Study It More

Proverbs 11:2; 1 Peter 5:5-6; Luke 6:37