



# THIS IS YOUR SPACE TO MAKE YOURS

## REFLECTION POINTS 30 AUG 2020

### READING: MATTHEW 7:1-7, 24-9

“Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. <sup>2</sup>For with the judgement you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. <sup>3</sup>Why do you see the speck in your neighbour’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>Or how can you say to your neighbour, “Let me take the speck out of your eye”, while the log is in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour’s eye.

‘Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. <sup>25</sup>The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. <sup>26</sup>And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup>The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!’

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, <sup>29</sup>for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

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The questions we explored this morning:

- I wonder why Jesus told us that story
- I wonder why we judge others and what we do with the judgments
- I wonder who I could connect with to share experience and to learn from each other
- I wonder what my faith is founded on
- I wonder why Jesus told us that story

As many of you will know, wondering questions come from Godly Play which has its foundations in Montessori. It is a way of exploring the stories of our faith in a way that does not aim to answer questions or teach knowledge but a way to open up exploring and wondering and pondering on the stories, a way to open up our imaginations to what God might be trying to say. It is used with children but also adults in aged care settings and hospitals, but it can be used for anyone anywhere.

I wonder why Jesus told that story. I wonder why are we explicitly told, and in such an extravagant way, not to judge others but to sort ourselves out first. I wonder why Jesus talked about homes made on rocks and sand.

I wonder why we judge others and how do we judge others? Not just at the moment during covid19 but in more normal times too.

When we look at someone or listen to them, we form judgements based on accent, gender, colour, what they are wearing, if they smell nice, etc etc

What do we do with this judgement and what can we do with this judgement? I wonder why Jesus is telling us this story...

I wonder who I could ask to be my mentor, someone I could share with, someone I could learn from and they could potentially learn from me. I wonder who would be open to forming a mentoring relationship with me. I wonder what that would say to the other person.

I wonder what my faith is founded upon – rock or sand to use that analogy. Is it founded upon spiritual disciplines? Do I know what a spiritual discipline is? Does it really matter if I don't worship with a faith community, or pray, or read Scripture, or serve, or give, or eat together? I wonder what all of this says about the nature of church for me, and the nature and place of accountability in my expression of faith.

I wonder why Jesus told us that story.

### **ACTS 2:42-47**

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.