How to Judge Others Well

Mt 7:1-12

* Believing Christians sometimes/often have a reputation for being harsh and judgmental. Come up with two of these accusations you know of- one deserved and one not.
* Why was Jesus so hard on hypocrisy? In what ways has the evangelical world gotten better of late about being less harsh with the world and one another?
* Psalm 85:10 says, “Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.” Discuss the balance between grace and righteousness or speaking truth in love?
* Jesus talks about sharing holiness with dogs and swine. Who might they be? Read the similar language of 2 Peter 2:17-22 on false teachers. Why does Jesus cast them as vicious?
* Why is it important to support moral and ethical righteousness in society? Why should we not expect to be well received in putting those views forward? Where is the line between being light & salt in the world and trying to get unbelievers to act like believers?
* Why is a lifestyle of asking, seeking, and knocking a lifestyle of faith? What does it mean that God loves us more than we love our own children?