



RECOVERY ROAD Part 1 :: We the People

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Which public story of personal or corporate failure over the past few years fascinated you most?
2. Do you agree that there is a correlation between our nation's problems and the individual choices we have made? Why or why not?
3. Andy mentions four kinds of problems associated with the abuse of prosperity: discipline, entitlement, greed, and failure of nerve. Which of these do you see as being the biggest issue for our country? For your friends? For you?
4. Read Matthew 7:4-5. Does this verse mean that you need to "have your act together" before you can point out something that is wrong with someone else? What makes this verse so difficult to apply?
5. What if you don't know what your "plank" is? How can you find out? What does the "speck" that bothers you most in others say about the plank in your own eye?
6. Andy says that mature people look for something to do, not someone to blame. With that in mind, what is something you can do this week to remove the plank(s) from your eye?

MOVING FORWARD

The road to recovery begins with **we**, not **they**—with **me**, not **you**. Sure, it's easy to yell at the television, but that's not working. How will you begin today to take a long, hard look at yourself? What would Jesus have you do?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, "Let me take the speck out of your eye," when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Matthew 7: 3-5