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# *Welcome!*

We are glad that you are here with us this morning!

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# MESSAGE NOTES

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The most popular Scripture most would think is \_\_\_\_\_. It used to be, and we praise God for it. However, there is a different Scripture that is now the most popular, and it is \_\_\_\_\_, "Do not judge so that you will not be judged" (NASB).

Our culture seems to have adopted this verse as the most popular and most often quoted verse, especially when it comes to \_\_\_\_\_ issues to shut down any \_\_\_\_\_ or disagreement.

"Judge not" is used to accuse (especially Christians) of not being \_\_\_\_\_ at a time when tolerance has become the most important \_\_\_\_\_ of our culture.

#### 1. Matthew 7:1

"Judge" means to \_\_\_\_\_.

It's being \_\_\_\_\_-righteous.

It's harshly judging without knowing all the \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus is saying you will be judged the \_\_\_\_\_ way.

#### 2. Matthew 7:2

How you judge others puts you in a position to be \_\_\_\_\_ the same way.

#### 3. Matthew 7:3-5

A log is a \_\_\_\_\_, obvious piece of wood.

The speck represents a small \_\_\_\_\_, but the log represents a huge fault that is \_\_\_\_\_ to all.

Jesus commands us to get our hearts \_\_\_\_\_ then \_\_\_\_\_ the one who needs to change.

#### 4. Matthew 7:6

Here Jesus is saying there is a time to judge. We are called to be \_\_\_\_\_ as believers. Not everything is okay.

When I see a brother or sister in Christ whose \_\_\_\_\_ is about to be destroyed, I have a Jesus-right to humbly \_\_\_\_\_ them.

“Dogs” and “swine” were unclean animals. They are symbolic of \_\_\_\_\_ people, those who treat God and the things of God with utter contempt and disdain.

“Holy” and “pearls” refer to that which is set \_\_\_\_\_ for God, something God deems to be valuable like the Gospel message, like the Word of God, like marriage, like life.

What lessons can we learn from this Scripture?

#### I. \_\_\_\_\_: God's \_\_\_\_\_ Is the Standard

John 17:17

Whatever God \_\_\_\_\_ is truth is truth. It has nothing to do with how we \_\_\_\_\_ about it, what we say about it, what others say about it, whether we agree with it or not, or whether we like it or not.

People cannot \_\_\_\_\_ without truth.

#### II. \_\_\_\_\_: What “Judge Not” Doesn't Mean

1. “Judge not” doesn't mean to accept everything everyone \_\_\_\_\_ as truth.
2. “Judge not” doesn't mean to accept everything everyone \_\_\_\_\_ as being okay.
3. “Judge not” doesn't mean that we are to accept every spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ as truth.
4. “Judge not” doesn't mean that you accept a lifestyle that is clearly \_\_\_\_\_ in Scripture.

5. "Judge not" doesn't mean that you never \_\_\_\_\_ someone about their sin.

6. "Judge not" doesn't mean you never \_\_\_\_\_ what is truth and what is not, what is right and what is wrong, or what is moral and what is immoral.

What is truth and what is \_\_\_\_\_?

### III. \_\_\_\_\_: Understanding Biblical Tolerance

Tolerance according to our culture is \_\_\_\_\_ anything anyone says or does about anything.

Judges 17:6

True tolerance is a Biblical teaching. It means \_\_\_\_\_ people's beliefs even though you may not agree or more importantly, God may not agree.

### IV. \_\_\_\_\_: The Tone and Attitude in Which We Share God's Truth Is Vital

Sometimes the reason people are turned off by our Biblical beliefs is because they can't get past the harsh, judgmental, critical, holier-than-thou attitude of some \_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians 4:15

You share God's truth with \_\_\_\_\_, sensitivity, grace, understanding and \_\_\_\_\_.

What "truth in love" looks like:

1. If you do not know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord, if you die, you will go to \_\_\_\_\_ forever. Jesus wants to save you right here and right now. That is truth!
2. If you are \_\_\_\_\_ together outside of \_\_\_\_\_, you are living in sin. Either get married or one of you move out. That is truth!
3. If you are having an affair or practicing homosexual acts, you are out of God's \_\_\_\_\_, you're \_\_\_\_\_. That is truth!

4. If you have been out of God's will as a believer, you are in a dangerous spot because you are out of God's \_\_\_\_\_ and blessing. \_\_\_\_\_ now or you will invite problems God never intended you to have. That is truth!
5. Abortion is sin. Abortion is murder. Abortion is anti-God. If you have had an abortion, repent and seek God's forgiveness and then help other women. That is truth!
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ is God's infallible, inerrant Word. Every word is true. It is the basis for what we believe and how we are to conduct our lives. If God's Word says it, it is \_\_\_\_\_ truth. No one has a right to \_\_\_\_\_ what it says. That is truth!
7. If you have messed up, failed, relapsed, fallen, you are no doubt dealing with guilt and shame. Jesus Christ, right here and right now, will \_\_\_\_\_ you and cleanse you and give you a new beginning if you will \_\_\_\_\_ to Him. That is truth!

John 8:32

**Fill-in-the-Blank Words:** John 3:16, Matthew 7:1, moral, discussion, tolerant, virtue, criticize, self, facts, same, judged, big, fault, obvious, right, help, discerning, testimony, confront, wicked, apart, I. TRUTH, Truth, says, feel, change, II. TEACHING, 1. says, 2. does, 3. teaching, 4. forbidden, 5. confront, 6. discern, error, III. TOLERANCE, accepting, respecting, IV. TONE, Christian, love, kindness, 1. hell, 2. living, marriage, 3. will, sinning, 4. protection, Repent, 6. Bible, absolute, change, 7. forgive, surrender

# *The Response Stations*

Each week there are 6 Stations or ways in which you can interact. These are symbols that point to Jesus Christ as well as tangible ways to demonstrate your commitment. Each is an act of worship. Worship invites activity, not passivity:

## **Station 1: The Lighting of Candles**

There is one candle lighted that represents Jesus Christ. From that candle other candles are lit. This represents prayers we are offering to God on behalf of others such as those who are unsaved, unchurched or away from God. When you light a candle, it symbolizes a burden you have for someone and how you are looking to Christ the "Light of the World" to touch that person.

## **Station 2: The Cross**

The Cross symbolizes your act of surrender, of submission to God's will, your laying down anything that keeps you from being the Christian God called you to be such as a stronghold, sin, or habit that is not Scriptural. On the provided card, write down whatever you are surrendering to God then thumbtack it to the Cross. You are not only bringing it to the Lord, but you are leaving it with Him. You do not need to sign your name.

## **Station 3: Healing Prayer**

We have healing prayer teams to pray for your healing—physical healing, emotional healing, relational healing, mental healing, spiritual healing, financial healing. You can tell the prayer team member as little or as much as you like about how to pray for you.

## **Station 4: Prayer Cards**

Prayer cards are available. If you have a specific prayer request you can come, write down your request, and submit it. We will be faithful to pray specifically over your request.

## **Station 5: The Lord's Supper**

Each week you can experience the Lord's Supper symbolizing the sufferings and death of Jesus on the Cross. There will be people to help assist you in this. You will be given the elements and led in Scripture by the leader as you follow Him.

## **Station 6: Steps to Peace with God**

At each exit from the sanctuary, there are copies of the booklet "Do You Know That You Know If You Died Right Now, You Would Go To Heaven" to take with you and share with someone this week. We do this as we follow Christ's Great Commission in Matthew 28 to "go and make disciples of all the nations."

# *Weekly Events*

## **Sundays @ CCC**

WORSHIP 10:30a | Kid's Church & Child Care Available

CENTRAL CONNECT GROUPS FOR ADULTS | 9:15a

Journey Thru the Bible—Upstairs Classroom

Unshakeable Faith—Central Spot

Expository Bible Study—Choir Room

Coming Aug 10!...Young Adult Class

CHILDREN'S CLASSES | Birth-Grade 5 | 9:15a

C<sup>2</sup>S | CITY CENTRAL STUDENTS | Grades 6-12 | 9:30a

## **Wednesdays @ CCC**

C<sup>2</sup>S | SUMMER CITY CENTRAL STUDENTS | Grades 6-12 | 6:30p

# *Upcoming Events*

Save the Date!

MEATLOAF MADNESS MAYHEM | Wed Sept 10 | 6p @ CCC

Fall programming kickoff | meatloaf competition & Mission BBQ  
(Regular family night dinner & Wed classes resume Wed Sept 17)

Save the Date!

ONE MORE CHILD VOLUNTEER WORKDAY | Sat Sept 20 | 9-11a

More details to come!

NEW MEMBER CLASSES | Sun Sept 21 @ CCC

Or anytime online @ [citycentralchurch.org/new-member-class](http://citycentralchurch.org/new-member-class)



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