

## “The Community of Prayerful Love”

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Out of Americans from ages 18-29 with a Christian background,  
\_\_\_\_\_ dropped out of church after regular attendance.

A \_\_\_\_\_ that people will want to bring their friends to is  
created when we live into Matthew 7!

### The Community of Prayerful Love...

1) Does not \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 7:1-5).

In Mt. 7, Jesus isn't talking about \_\_\_\_\_ or “good judgement.”  
Jesus is talking about condemning a person, which arises from one's  
feelings of \_\_\_\_\_.

We live in a \_\_\_\_\_, critical world... But there is no place  
for \_\_\_\_\_ and mean-spirited judgement in the church.

[Let's replace condemnation with compassion.](#)

We can live a life free of condemnation from Christ and from the  
crowds.

From Christ: “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world  
to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be  
saved through him.” John 3:17

From the crowds: \_\_\_\_\_ it. Let's focus on the freedom  
and the goodness and the love and the mercy of Christ.

2) Prayerfully \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 7:6).

This verse is not saying that we should only give good/valuable things  
to people we deem \_\_\_\_\_.

Instead, “The point is not the waste of the ‘pearl’ but that the person  
given the pearl is not helped.” Dallas Willard

3) Believes in the \_\_\_\_\_ of prayer (Matthew 7:7-8).

Reflection question: “How \_\_\_\_\_ do I believe prayer is?”

4) Is centered around a God who is \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 7:9-11).

5) Treats others the way we want to be treated (Matthew 7:12).

### Action Steps:

1) Read Romans \_\_\_\_\_ this week.

2) Remember the power of \_\_\_\_\_.

3) “Do to others as you would have them do to you.”