

Practicing The Way

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Peter replied, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life." **John 6:66-68**

"If we're not being intentionally formed by Jesus himself, then it's highly likely we are being unintentionally formed by someone of something else." - John Mark Comer

Jesus did not invite people to become Christians...
... He invited people **to follow Him, to live as He lived, and to do as He did.**

... If any of you wants to be my follower... **Matthew 16:24, 7:21**

"Disciple" is used 269x in the N.T. ("Christian" - 3x);
language matters - disciple is a noun

Does our gospel message call people to follow Jesus?

"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock." **Matthew 7:24-29**

The way of Jesus is not just a set of beliefs, a list of do's and don'ts...

... it is a way of life. **John 14:1-6**

The way of Jesus is narrow because it is a very specific way to live; the broad path is do whatever you want or anything other than following Jesus. **Matthew 7:13-14**

...becoming a disciple doesn't just happen

Jesus invited people to Be With Him, Become Like Him, and Do as He did

First, we are to be with Him (Second and Third next week)

I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! **John 14-15**

Transformation happens as we look at God, looking at us, in love. **2 Corinthians 3:16-18, Ephesians 3:16-19**

WE WANT TO PRAY FOR YOU Visit the Prayer Area We have some folks that would love to pray for you for any reason or any need!

NEXT STEPS During the Message in Classroom 2 Want to learn more about our church and how to get connected? Join the conversation today to learn more about the Holy Spirit and His role in our lives.

GIVE TO MISSIONS Help us meet our goals Fill out a missions pledge card or scan the QR code to pledge toward one or more of international partners!



FREE BOOKS Near the Front Doors We are cleaning house and have some books to give away. We do not necessarily endorse all of the books on the shelf.

this week...

CROSS CURRENT Tonight at 6pm 7th-12th graders gather weekly. This week they will be talking about "community"!

MOMCO BEACH DAY Thursday at 10am Our next MomCo summer event is a meetup at the Massena Town Beach. Visit the Facebook group "North Country MomCo" to learn more.

FAITH RECOVERY GROUP Fridays at 5:30pm Find healing in your recovery and share a meal with some like-minded folks on Friday nights as we grow in our relationship with Christ together.

coming up...

RIVER FLOAT Next Sunday at noon Our Marriage Matters team is hosting a river float on Pickle St. in Winthrop. Bring a float, lawn chairs, something to BBQ, drinks, and a dish to pass.

CHURCH PICNIC & WATER BAPTISMS August 18th at Barnhart After our 9am service we will head over to Barnhart Beach for an afternoon BBQ, fun & games, and some water baptisms in the river!

CROSS CURRENT SUMMER CAMP August 19th-23rd Our 7th-12th graders will be headed back to Cape Cod this year for an incredible week. Learn more and register your kids by visiting our website or ChurchCenter.

WEDNESDAY CLASSES Starting September 11th Enjoy the summer! Our Wednesday classes will continue this fall including Basic Doctrine, Financial Peace University, and our Freedom Group. Register for classes through the ChurchCenter App.

Open the ChurchCenter App or scan the QR Code to register for an Upcoming Event, sign up for a class or find a Group to Connect to

