

Last year, 40,000 people and 63 churches went on a journey together.

This year, it's happening again. You're invited.

BE A PART OF CHANGING YOUR CITY ONE LIFE AND ONE CHURCH AT A TIME.

WHAT'S A JOURNEY

AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

For the past several years, churches have been getting on the same page for a six-week journey. We zero in on one topic and everyone—from kids to old folks—is challenged in similar ways. By enhancing churches' weekend messages with individual study and small group gatherings, the journey becomes a multi-layered, multi-sensory, multi-community experience.

The weekend is the broadest platform for teaching, and we generally consider this the first step of the weekly cycle. Every church does their own message for the weekend—but video, teaching objectives/notes, kids' lessons and pastor brainstorming sessions are free for the taking. All group materials and study guides are also provided (at cost).



2011 JOURNEY

The Objective

Show people what it means to follow Jesus and equip them with practical tools and experiences for developing their capacity for hearing him—setting them on a trajectory of individual spiritual growth.

The Method

Provide highly directed, experiential challenges—able to be completed in 15–20 minutes each day, five days per week for six weeks—to introduce spiritual disciplines such as Bible reading, prayer, meditation, fasting, silence, worship and celebration.

We'll focus weekly small group time on sharing these individual experiences as a way to provide encouragement and accountability, as well as introducing "Church disciplines" such as intercession, encouragement, service, confession and worship.



WHY DO IT?

Last year's journey participants reported:

93%

were part of a small group—
and for 59%, it was their first time

80%

of small groups planned to continue
meeting on their own

95%

thought it was worth doing

92%

found it enjoyable

89%

said it was personally challenging

89%

said it would affect their
future decisions

THE JOURNEY CAN ALSO HELP YOU:

Mobilize your church community around a shared
experience and topic.

Use professionally created print materials, video, family
resources and other stuff. Everything's either free (design
work, content, video) or provided at-cost (anything printed).

Build into (or launch) your small group ministry.

Connect with other pastors and churches in your area.

NEXT STEPS

If you decide to join the journey, you'll want to:

Plan your October and November messages around the topic (objectives provided)

Order small group and individual study guide printed materials written by Crossroads and provided at-cost

Recruit and train small group hosts

Attend weekly pastor brainstorms to collaborate and hear message ideas

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

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