



Crossway: Trailhead Welcome

OUR MISSION:

To Practice the Way of Jesus Together

At Crossway, we take intentional steps toward living our lives as Jesus would. What helps us make progress in this endeavor is developing spiritual practices and habits like prayer, silence, service, study or intentional community with others. The point of these practices is not to be really good at the practices themselves, but to experience the positive results of consistently doing the practices.

Read Together:

Matthew 7:24-27

Discussion Questions:

1. What is your church background?
 2. For those of you with a church background, how was your previous churches' culture in terms of not only hearing Jesus' words but putting them into practice?
 3. Matthew 7:24-27 is a dramatic metaphor for a life that practices the way of Jesus and one that does not. Does it feel like an exaggeration? Why or Why not?
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We root everything we do in a practice, because we believe practice changes you. However, what you put into the practice determines what you get out of it. This is why spiritual practices are a really big deal to us. We want you to encourage spiritual practices in everything we do. We welcome you to try any of these spiritual practices out, acknowledging there isn't a right way or wrong way to attempt a spiritual practice. What's important is that each of us finds a practice rhythm that works for us individually, as we continually pursue a life like Jesus.

OUR APPROACH:

We want to anchor **everything** we do to a practice.

Read Together:

Jeremiah 6:16

Discussion Questions:

1. Has anyone here ever really committed themselves to practicing something? If so, what was the result?
2. Did that result make you more passionate or less about that area?
3. If I told you Crossway is more like a “dojo” than a christian “Ted Talk” what do you think I mean by that? Do you agree so far?

OUR GOAL:

We want you to be:
Welcome, Known, Needed, Grown

Those four goals- Welcome, Known, Needed, Grown - are sort of our promises to you. We are passionate about this and pray daily for ways we can encourage our Crossway family toward these goals. We want you to feel welcome and as you continue to get connected at Crossway, we want you to be known, needed and grown. These four goals are also the titles for each of the four weeks of Trailhead. At each session we will discuss one of these goals and how we believe God has called us to them.

Discussion Questions:

1. If I told you:
 - A. Known- Life in Jesus is designed to be done in relationship
 - B. Needed- God blesses us so we can be a blessing to others
 - C. Grown- Spiritual practices lead to spiritual growth...which one of those sounds the most natural or easy to you?
2. Which one of those sounds the most challenging to you?
3. Where you are right now, what excites you the most about your journey with Crossway?

Close in Prayer:

How can I pray for you?
