

11/16 Sermon Discussion Guide

The Way of Jesus

2025.11.16

Leader Info

Announcements

- Spirit of Giving
 - Throughout the month of November we're collecting warm clothing and supplies for blessing bags
 - The Homelessness and Food Insecurity Kingdom Community will organize the supplies and get them to the people who need them
 - Collecting through the month of November
 - Find a list online or a card in the lobby
- Helping People Move
 - Join the Care Team to help people in our community move.
 - Joining the team doesn't mean you need to respond yes to every request, this will put you on the list to hear about opportunities.
 - Usually there are only a few a year.
 - To join go to this link (<https://www.crosspointwi.com/serve>) and join the Care Team or email Cameron (cameron@crosspointwi.com)
- Blood Drive
 - Monday November 24th from 2:00pm - 7:00pm
 - Register online
- Christmas Family Movie Night
 - Friday December 5th

- 6:00pm - 8:30pm
- Come enjoy popcorn, hot chocolate and a Christmas movie while you connect with others from church!
- Movie TBD

Leader notes

We tend to think transformation comes through learning information, but in reality it comes through putting our learning into practice. Information is important, but we need practice and we need to reflect on our practice.

Matthew 7:24-27

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

Questions for the group

Checking in

1. Highs / Lows from the week.
2. What was your first car?
3. Check in on any action steps from the week before.

Quick review

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

Getting Practical

1. What has your discipleship journey looked like? Was it more about information? More about practice? Were there points that the focus changed? What happened?
2. Where is the balance for you now? Do you tend to gather 'too much' information without practicing it? Do you tend to not spend time learning and just do things? Why do you think that is?
3. Why do you think Mac said reflection is so important in our discipleship? Do you agree? Practically, what does reflection in our discipleship look like?
4. We often think of BIG decisions and commitments to live for Jesus as the most important, but in reality many small decisions to live out your faith over time can have just as big of an effect. What are some 'small' decisions you've made to put Jesus' teachings into practice in your life over the last few weeks? Did you see any effect or result?
5. Let's practice putting God's teaching into practice:
 - a. What has God been teaching you or challenging you about lately?
 - b. This could be about life, spiritual practices, parenting or other relationships, something biblical or theological, how you relate to politics or technology, etc.
 - c. What would it look like to respond to this information in some way this week?
 - d. Remember to be realistic about how you might respond. A realistic plan that you actually follow through with is 1,000 times better than an idealistic plan that sounds great in small group that you'll never actually do!

Looking Forward / Action Steps

Prayerfully reflect on the following questions

- Am I moving beyond *hearing* to actually *doing* the teachings of Jesus?
- What pieces of Jesus' change model — information, practice, reflection — might be missing in my formation?
- Where is Jesus inviting me to let Him shape my desires, wants, and affections?

Practice

- **Just Do It**

- For every podcast, sermon, or devotional you take in this week, identify *one concrete action* Jesus is inviting you to take — and do it! Then take a moment to reflect on how it went.

- **Apprenticeship Examen** Each night, create a few quiet minutes to notice:

- What did Jesus teach me today?
- Where did I practice what I already know?
- What might Jesus be showing me about my heart?

Prayer Requests