

Monday School Overview

Vision | to deepen Crossway Christian Church's focus on becoming a center for authentic Christian spiritual formation

Hope | Getting Heaven into People

"A fundamental mistake of the conservative side of the American church today, and much of the Western church, is that it takes as its basic goal to get as many people as possible ready to die and go to heaven. It aims to get people into heaven rather than to get heaven into people."

-Dallas Willard, Renovation of the Heart, 238-239

Scripture Foundations | Matthew 28:19-20, Galatians 4:19, Colossians 1:28-29

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

-Matthew 28:19-20

According to Dallas Willard, the Great Omission in the Great Commission is teaching people to do everything Jesus has said. While we have taught people what Jesus has said, we have not effectively taught people how to do everything Jesus said. If you want to do everything Jesus said, do not try to do everything he said. Rather, train yourself to become the kind of person who would easily and routinely do everything Jesus said.

"My little children, for whom I am again in the pain of childbirth *until Christ is formed in you.*"

-Galatians 4:19

"It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ."

-Colossians 1:28

Monday School Architecture

Annual Rhythm | 8-10 Week Courses in the Fall, Winter and Spring (Break for Summer)

Teaching Pillars | Head (Theology), Heart (Formation), Hands (Ministry)

The Gathering | 6:30-8 pm

6:30-6:40 | Welcome + Hospitality

6:40-6:45 | Centering Prayer Exercise

6:45-7:00 | Opening Small Group Conversation

7:00-7:30 | Teaching Part One

7:30-7:45 | Individual Reflection + Group Conversation

7:45-8:05 | Teaching Part Two

8:05-8:20 | Individual Reflection + Group Conversation

8:20-8:30 | Q+R, Closing + Benediction

Monday School Course Examples

Experiencing Scripture as a Disciple of Jesus: Reading the Bible like Dallas Willard (based on Dave Ripper's book)

The Christian Spiritual Life: An Introduction Ancient Christian, Ignatian and Willardian Spirituality

Theology for the Spiritual Life

Experiencing the Sermon on the Mount

Hearing God (Dallas Willard' Book)

Experiencing the Trinity (Darrell Johnson's Book)

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality (Peter Scazzero's book)

The Great Streams of Christianity (based on Richard Foster's Devotional Classics)

Establish the Work of Our Hands: Fulfilling Your Ministry Calling

Cultural Apologetics: Sharing the Truth of Jesus in the Manner of Jesus

Living the Christian Year: Spiritual Formation through the Church Calendar