

Cross

Fellowship Church

Following Jesus Won't Win You a Popularity Contest

Mark 6:1-30 | August 19, 2012 | John Crawford

Three Stories of Rejection...

- Jesus is rejected by his own hometown.
- The disciples are not welcomed by some.
- John the Baptist is beheaded by King Herod.

One Primary Point...

- Following Jesus may not win you a whole lot of friends and could get you killed.

Six...

- God has predicted, guaranteed and ordained the rejection and suffering of His people as they follow Jesus and make His message known.
- Persecution is God's chief strategy for advancing the gospel.
- Persecution increases our dependence on God, not on ourselves.
- Persecution increases our hope in heaven and releases our grip on the treasures and pleasures of this world.
- Persecution promotes courage and boldness in the lives of others as they watch God preserve us in the midst of suffering.
- Persecution magnifies the glory of Christ in our lives as we find Him as all-sufficient and all-satisfying in the midst of suffering and pain.
- Persecution reveals the genuineness of our faith.
- Persecution is God's training ground for maturing us in our faith.
- Persecution confirms that we are legitimate sons of the Father.

Welcome to Cross Fellowship Church!

We are grateful that you have come to worship with us today. If you are a first time visitor we are so glad you are here and pray that you feel welcome. If you have any specific questions about our church, the service, sermon or anything else, we would love to talk to you! Feel free to stop by the Welcome Table in the lobby or talk to one of the elders. If you have time we'd also encourage you to complete a Visitor Information Card which is located at the Welcome Table.

Sudan Mission Trip

Time is running out!!! If you are interested in learning more about our upcoming mission trip to Sudan (November 4-16) please contact Jared Chasteen.

Discipleship Communities

Discipleship Communities is our fancy name for "small groups." They are one of the primary vehicles at Cross Fellowship Church for developing meaningful relationships, living on mission and growing as a disciple of Jesus. Each group meets during the week on a regular basis in someone's home. If you are interested in visiting a Discipleship Community please stop by the Information Table in the lobby for a list of groups, meeting locations and times or contact Eric Taylor.

Personal Discipleship Helps

- Daily Bible Reading Plan - If you are looking for a helpful daily Bible reading plan then we strongly recommend and encourage you to check out the following link: www.scripturestoryline.com. It includes a very organized and reasonable reading calendar along with a very helpful daily commentary on the passages you read each day.
- Scripture Memory - There are many different approaches and systems that are available for memorizing verses. One that we find particularly helpful are the "Fighter Verses" from Desiring God Ministries. You can access them from the following link: www.fighterverses.com.

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