



Understanding the True Nature of Jesus' Messiahship and Our Discipleship

Mark 8:11-38 | September 30, 2012 | John Crawford

Cross Fellowship Church exists to glorify God by making disciples of all nations.

The Immediate Context...

- The Pharisees do not understand who Jesus is.
- The Disciples do not clearly understand who Jesus is.
 - Just like the blind man's vision is blurry at first, so is the disciple's understanding of Jesus.
 - The disciples understand that Jesus is the Christ.
 - The disciples do not understand the full implications of what it means for Jesus to be the Messiah.

The Nature of Jesus' Messiahship....

- For Jesus, being the Messiah meant rejection and death.
- For the disciples, being the Messiah meant victory, honor and power.

The Nature of Our Discipleship...

- The nature of Jesus' Messiahship determines the nature of our discipleship.
- Jesus is saying that...
 - If you aren't ready or willing to die for Jesus' sake, then you can't be His disciple.
 - If you want a safe, trouble-free, comfortable life void of danger, then stay away from Jesus.
- Jesus is not saying that...
 - We should actively pursue suffering and death.
 - We should be unwise or reckless.
 - We should be obnoxious jerks.
- There is great reward for those who take up their cross and follow Jesus at great risk to their own lives.
- There is great loss for those who fail to take up their cross and follow Jesus in order to protect and save their lives.

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.

Ladies Night

On Friday night, October 5, from 7:30-10:00pm all ladies are invited over to Melanie Taylor's house (6519 W. 99th Street) for some fellowship, encouragement and refreshments. There will be a small group discussion time to help encourage one another, get to know one another and to pray together.

Toys for Missionary Kid (MK) Tots

Our church is collecting toys for missionary kids, ages 0-6, who are attending Crossworld's Europe Conference in Switzerland. The children in our church are being encouraged to donate one of their own toys, but other contributions of toys and money for postage are greatly appreciated. A box for donated toys will be in the lobby on Sunday September 30 and Oct. 7th. Money for postage can be given to Deb Wedekind or Tammy Sharp.

Help Ministry in Romania

Donate your old, used, broken, not working, or unwanted, electronic devices, or jewelry to Belief in Motion (a missions organization working in Romania). For a list of items that can be accepted please see announcement on The City or contact Nicki McDowell (nmcdowellromania@gmail.com). Items needs to be turned into Nicki by October 18th.

Family Gathering

On Sunday night, October 28th, from 5-6pm we are having a Family Gathering for all members of our church. If you are a member then we highly encourage you to attend. The purpose of the gathering will be to affirm new members who have just recently completed the membership process, pray and discuss some business issues of the church. The exact location is still being finalized. Childcare will be provided.

Neighborhood Halloween Party

On Halloween night we are once again throwing a neighborhood party outside at the Crawford's house (9901 Woodson). We will have a whole host of different carnival type games set up for neighborhood kids to play as they stop by and trick or treat. This is one night out of the year when children and families are out all over the neighborhood so we thought this would be a great opportunity for us to get to know our neighbors and lovingly serve them. We are going to need a whole lot of help to pull this off! If you are interested in volunteering then please contact Garret Thomas (trumpet707@aol.com or (913) 921-0551).

Multiply Webcast

On Friday night, November 9th, from 7-10pm, we will be teaming up with Wornall Road Baptist Church to host the Multiply simulcast featuring David Platt and Francis Chan. This year Multiply is taking the place of the normal Secret Church simulcast. The purpose of the Multiply gathering is to help inspire, equip and encourage followers of Christ to make disciples. For more information visit the Multiply website, www.multiplymovement.com.

Sunday Morning Offering

Most churches typically pass a plate to collect their financial offering each Sunday morning. We are all for that and don't see anything wrong with that, however our process is a little different. We have an offering box located on a table at the back of the gym that you can place your financial contributions in each Sunday.

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