

Cross Walking

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At NCCTK our highest 2009 goal is to help you grow as a deeply devoted disciple of Jesus Christ! Why? We know that is God's will for all of our lives. Colossians 2:7

To help us grow we want to take together a discipleship adventure called "Cross Walking". For 50 days we want to fervently follow Jesus Christ like He called us to in all 4 of the gospels.

Matthew 10:38-39, Mark 8:34-35, Luke 9:23-24, John 12:25-26

Authentic discipleship today is still Cross Walking. Here is a definition of Cross Walking: "Daily dying to sin and selfishness so I can boldly serve others in Jesus' name out of passionate love for Him."

Paul was also a Cross Walker and one verse sums up the Cross Walking lifestyle he lived.

Galatians 2:20 - I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Philippians 3:7-8

A Cross Walker is someone who daily dethrones self from the throne of their hearts and freely and lovingly places Jesus Christ on the throne of their heart.

What does it take to be a Cross Walker today?

1. Cross Walkers love Christ more than anything or anyone else and refuse to submit to the fear of man or what man can do to them. *Matthew 10:26-38*

- They shout from the housetops what He whispers in their ears
- They know who controls their ultimate destiny
- They know their great value and worth to their Father
- They confess Christ publically on Earth so He can confess their name publically in heaven
- They aren't afraid to make waves for Christ
- They realize how great an honor it is to follow Christ and live worthy

of His name

2. Cross walkers find their lives by losing them for Christ. They know reaping comes out of sowing, so they sow their lives by serving others to reap eternal gains for Jesus Christ.

Matthew 10:39-42, John 12:23-26, John 12:1-3

Putting Our Feet to Cross Walking

- Repent and turn away from any and every sin that keeps you from walking worthy of Jesus Christ
- Commit to obey Him in whatever He tells you to do or say for the next 50 days and trust the consequences to Him
- Start the Cross Walking Challenge today. For 50 days love someone in some way every day in Jesus' name!
- Do the Cross Walking Study Guide as a family and in a Small Group even if it is only 2 or 3 of you in a group.
- Do the Cross Walking servant exercises in the study guide as a family and /or as a Small Group.

Imagine how Jesus could change our lives through Cross Walking for 50 days together. Imagine how He could use us to change others lives by fervently following Him for 50 days together.

Galatians 2:20

Discussion Questions

- What does picking up your cross and following Jesus mean to you? Read Jesus' call to Cross Walking in Matthew 10:24-42 and John 12:23-28. Would you describe yourself as a Cross Walker? Do you wrestle with keeping self off the throne of your heart? How?
- Cross Walkers love Christ supremely and refuse to submit to the fear of man. Is that a battle for you? In what ways? What prevents you from publically confessing Christ? Are you afraid of making waves in your relationships?
- Are you doing the 50 Day Cross Walking Challenge? Who did you love this week so far? What did you do or say to them? How about memorizing Galatians 2:20 in your favorite translation to help you stay faithful to the 50 Day Crosswalking Challenge?