

Discussion Questions

January 29, 2023

Moving Forward - Vision 2023 Together Living and Loving Like Jesus



1. Read John 17:20-23
 - How does Jesus say people will come to know him?

 - What does that look like - practically for us today - to see this happen in our body?
2. Read Galatians 5:19-21
 - Discuss what ways Christians can create sin hierarchies that enable them to dismiss their own sin while judging those who sin differently than themselves.
3. Northview's Mission Statement is: Northview exists to encourage people to become more like Jesus by celebrating God, serving one another, and sharing God's love with our world.
And in the Divine Conspiracy, Dallas Willard asks: When was the last time a church got together to ask the question - How were they going to teach their people actually to do the specific things Jesus said?
 - Discuss why you think the broader church has struggled to live out this calling of actually becoming like Christ.
4. James used the illustration of Jesus being the well at the center that people come to with different postures and positions. Our goal is to not just "lead someone to Christ," but to love them in such a way that they experience Jesus through us, and take a step towards him or simply turn their attention towards him. Discuss this illustration and how you see that working out today in your circumstances.
5. We finished by being asked to fill out a card with the names of 5 people who are unchurched or de-churched that you will intentionally pursue in 2023. Share the names you wrote down and give one step you plan to take to intentionally pursue one of them in the near future.



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Northview Mission Statement

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John 17:20-23

I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one - as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.

Ephesians 5:1-2

Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. 2 Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

G.K. Chesterton - What's Wrong with the World (1910)

The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried."

Galatians 5:19-21 (NIV)

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Imagine further..., driving by a church with a large sign in front that says, **We Teach All Who Seriously Commit Themselves to Jesus How to Do Everything He Said to Do.** If you had just been reading the Gospels... you might think, "Of course, that is exactly what the founder of the church, Jesus, told us to do." But your second thought might be that this is a highly unusual church. And then, "Can this be right?" And: "Can it be real?"

When do you suppose was the last time any group of believers... had a meeting of its [leaders] in which the topic for discussion and action was how they were going to teach their people actually to do the specific things Jesus said?"

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Specific Goals for 2023

- Grow by 1/3 this year (100 people) primarily unchurched and de-churched
- 20 people to make a decision to follow Christ