

Practicing The Way

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Peter replied, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life." **John 6:66-68**

"If we're not being intentionally formed by Jesus himself, then it's highly likely we are being unintentionally formed by someone of something else." - John Mark Comer

Jesus did not invite people to become Christians...
... He invited people **to follow Him, to live as He lived, and to do as He did.**

... If any of you wants to be my follower... **Matthew 16:24, 7:21**

"Disciple" is used 269x in the N.T. ("Christian" - 3x);
language matters - disciple is a noun

Does our gospel message call people to follow Jesus?

"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock." **Matthew 7:24-29**

The way of Jesus is not just a set of beliefs, a list of do's and don'ts...

... it is a way of life. **John 14:1-6**

The way of Jesus is narrow because it is a very specific way to live; the broad path is do whatever you want or anything other than following Jesus. **Matthew 7:13-14**

...becoming a disciple doesn't just happen

Jesus invited people to Be With Him, Become Like Him, and Do as He did

First, we are to be with Him (Second and Third next week)

I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! **John 14-15**

Transformation happens as we look at God, looking at us, in love. **2 Corinthians 3:16-18, Ephesians 3:16-19**

GET CONNECTED **Fill out a Connect Card** Connect Cards can be found in the seat in front of you. If you have never filled one out, we invite you to do so and bring it back to the Connect Area in the lobby after the service where some folks would love to meet you.

PRAYER AREA **During the Service** Each week there are people in the back corner who would love to pray for any need you have.

NEXT STEPS **Today during the message** Want to learn more about our church and how to get connected? Join the first of this four week class where we discuss our shared values and church history.

GIVE TO MISSIONS **Help us meet our goals** Fill out a missions pledge card or scan the QR code to pledge toward one or more of international partners!



this week...

THURSDAY PRAYER 10am at NTC Ogdensburg Join us as we meet here at the church with other Christians in our community.

COLLECTION FOR LOVE OGDENSBURG **Bless Our Community** We are collecting diapers and baby wipes to share with families in need at our LOVE Ogdensburg event.

coming up...

LOVE OGDENSBURG PLANNING MEETING **This Wednesday-July 24th at 6pm** We will gather on this Wednesday night to prepare for Love Ogdensburg. We need all hands on deck as we plan this yearly community event. We look forward to seeing you there.

LOVE OGDENSBURG **August 10th from noon to 3pm** Save the date for this fun day to love on and bless our community at the New York Ave. Park. Sign up sheets in the foyer.

WATER BAPTISMS & CHURCH PICNIC **August 11th** Join us after the abbreviated service on Sunday August 11th for a picnic as we celebrate with some folks getting water baptized. Sign up to get water baptized at the information table in the lobby

CROSS CURRENT SUMMER CAMP **August 19th-23rd** Our 7th-12th graders will be headed back to Cape Cod this year for an incredible week.

Open the ChurchCenter App or scan the QR Code to register for an Upcoming Event or find a Group to Connect to.

