

CrossView Church exists:

To help people focus on Jesus as the center of their lives

The heart of the Christian message is the good news about the person and work of Jesus Christ, who transforms the hearts and lives of those who trust him. God has always planned to redeem and restore a people to relationship with himself, which he accomplished through this good news. The life God intended for his children is one that bears the fruit of being centered on and transformed into the image of Jesus. This Jesus-centered life glorifies God through a genuine pursuit of and a growing walk with Jesus.

To live this kind of life we need to understand bad news and good news.

Bad news: When Adam and Eve rejected God's authority, the world was plunged into a catastrophic state of hostility with God. Every human born since has inherited the corruption of sin, which primarily consists in the persistent heart attitude that prefers the self over everything else. This self-centered bent is akin to an instinct – “a natural or innate impulse, inclination, or tendency.” The self-instinct invades all our thoughts, feelings, and decisions.

Good news: Jesus came to earth and died on the cross to pay the penalty for our self-serving, sin-loving hearts. Through our trust in this grace, our sins are forgiven and our hearts are transformed so that we seek to live with Jesus at the center. Amazingly, through the gospel and union with Jesus, we are adopted into God's family and brought into right relationship to Him. The heart change of the gospel brings forth a new, Jesus-centered instinct. The Christian life is a heart-level struggle between these two instincts.

How can we grow in our walk with Jesus? We start with developing a heart of love and pursuit of Jesus. With this, we must identify our heart-level obstacles (i.e. idols, distrust of God, trust of self, pursuit of worldly approval, etc.), and learn to apply the truth of the gospel to those. Learning how to cultivate the Jesus-instinct and starve the self-instinct will be necessary.

There are four foundations that help cultivate the Jesus-instinct and starve the self-instinct.

- 1) We need the help of other people – a gospel community.
- 2) We need to have growing knowledge of God's word, theology, and the gospel.
- 3) We need to foster a growing daily interaction with Jesus.
- 4) We need to look outward to love and serve others.

Our ministry goal is to help people focus on Jesus by understanding how the gospel confronts their self-instinct and grows their Jesus-instinct. Our strategy is to teach the principles and practices of the gospel to our ministry leaders and infuse those principles and practices into all of our ministries.