



GROWTH TRACK



WORSHIP GOD FIND COMMUNITY

MAKE DISCIPLES

FULFILL CALLING

WEEK FOUR

**CROSSWAY BIBLE CHURCH
EXISTS TO MAKE DISCIPLES
WHO: WORSHIP GOD, GROW
IN CHRIST, AND IMPACT THE
WORLD.**

:: OUR CALLING

*He came and proclaimed the good news of peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole building, being put together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. **In him you are also being built together** for God's dwelling in the Spirit.*

Ephesians 2:19-22

- We are called to be _____ for the glory of God.

:: GROWING IN OUR FAITH

Christians ought to be growing in three different directions:

1. Growing UP: Developing a deep _____ for God and growing in _____.
2. Growing DOWN: Developing deep _____ in our church community.
3. Growing OUT: Developing a _____ for those around us who are far from God.

:: PLANTING DEEP ROOTS

So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, being rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing with gratitude.

Colossians 2:6-7

And let us watch out for one another to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25

- The call to grow as a Christian is a call to _____ yourself deeply in a local church.

:: INVESTING IN ETERNITY

There are two extremes that churches can tend towards when it comes to the topic of money:

1. Talking about it _____.
2. Talking about it _____.

“_____ of the thirty-eight parables were concerned with how to handle money and possessions. In the Gospels, an amazing one out of _____ verses (288 in all) deal directly with the subject of money. The Bible offers 500 verses on prayer, less than 500 verses on faith, but more than _____ verses on money and possessions.”

Howard L. Dayton, Jr. in *Leadership Journal*, Vol. 2, No. 2

- The Bible draws a direct link between our _____ and our _____.

:: FOUR BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

1. Our _____ belongs to God. (Psalm 24:1)
2. We are to give _____. (2 Samuel 24:18-25)
3. The _____ is a biblical principle. (Genesis 14:20)
4. We are to give _____. (1 Corinthians 9:6-7)

:: ACTION STEP: COMPLETE A GIVING CARD

As we grow in our faith, we should also grow in our giving. Complete the Giving Card at your seat to indicate your next step in this area. (Personal for you- do not turn this in)

:: CHURCH MEMBERSHIP IN THE BIBLE

1. Local churches were God's way of _____ the kingdom.
2. The early church kept _____ records. (Acts 2:41)
3. The early church had organized processes for _____ and _____ ministries. (Acts 6:1-6, 1 Timothy 5:3-16)
4. The Bible prescribes a process for _____ church members who live in unrepentant sin. (Matthew 18:15-20, 1 Corinthians 5:1-12)
5. Scripture calls pastors to oversee _____ congregations and for Christians to submit to their _____. (1 Peter 5:1-5, Hebrews 13:17)

:: OUR MEMBERSHIP PROCESS (if not currently a member)

1. Complete the _____.
2. Complete the _____.
3. Schedule a _____.

:: ACTION STEP: BEGIN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

At home this week, set aside some time to complete the membership application. Once you're finished, contact the church office to setup your membership interview.

You can contact us by calling (816) 228-1411 or by emailing office@crosswaybible.org

:: RECAP AND CLOSING REMARKS

Recapping Growth Track

Q and A