

“Our Mission as a Church” Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

Purpose of Discussion: To take heart at what God is doing at The Crossing and look forward to how we can believe that Jesus is more.

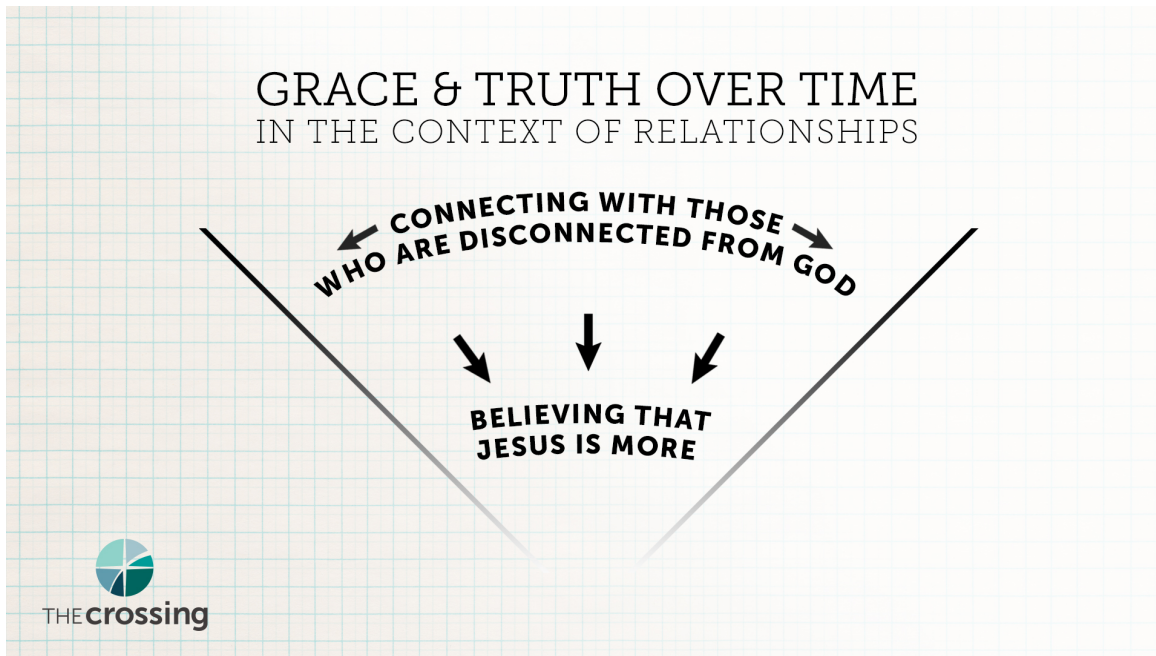
Sermon Refresher: Our mission as a church is to move the hearts and minds of more people to believe that Jesus is more. We had a chance to think through that mission in its key parts and to hear stories of how God is at work to do precisely that in and through The Crossing.

Discussion:

1. Dave pointed out how there’s a pattern in Scripture that God’s people take time to remember and reflect on what he has done. Read Psalm 111, which celebrates God’s works.
 - a. According to these verses, what do we learn about God from his works?
 - b. Why is it appropriate, therefore, to take time to reflect on what God has been doing in and through peoples’ lives?
2. The Crossing’s mission is to move the hearts and minds of more people to believe that Jesus is more.
 - a. Which parts of that mission statement resonate for you?
 - b. What does the verb “move” imply?
 - c. Read Ephesians 1:17–18. How do these verses show that believing has to address the heart and mind?
 - d. Why does the mission statement include more people? Why not just leave that out and say “to move hearts and minds to believe that Jesus is more”?
 - e. Read John 6:35. What does it mean to believe that Jesus is more?

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3. Which of the stories that Dave shared about what's happening at The Crossing were inspiring for you? Which of them challenged you?
4. Dave described an approach like a funnel, where at the lip of the funnel we are trying to build trust with people in order to show how the good news of Jesus is attractive.



- a. What do you think are characteristics that make the gospel more attractive?
 - b. Which of those characteristics would you like to trust God to cultivate in your life these next few months?
5. As you reflect on The Crossing mission statement, where in your life right now do you want to believe that Jesus is more?
 - a. In your character?
 - b. In your relationships with family and friends?
 - c. In your work?
 - d. In how (and whether) you serve in some way?
 - e. in your small group?