

Engage

Discipleship is a journey; from awakening to God's desire for us, to responding to his call, to moving out in faith with him. At Northview we are always on this journey and we want to intentionally grow and follow Jesus.

SUNDAY	TOPIC	TEXT(S)	PREACHER
April 16, 2017 Easter Sunday	Awakening	Matt. 4:19; Eph. 5:14; 2 Cor. 5:17-20	David Schuchardt
<p>Rise Up! God, in Christ, has dealt with Sin and Death and now invites us to new life. He seeks to be reconciled to each one of us, so invites us into new relationship with him. He has left it with us to respond to him with either a 'yes' or a 'no'.</p>			
April 23, 2017	Repentance	Luke 19:1-10; Psalm 51:4	David Schuchardt
<p>Deal with the past. Once we respond to God's invitation for a relationship with him we need to deal with our past. All of us have sin to deal with so we practice 'purging'. We confess what we have done and seek to live new lives with new patterns. It is this change and new start that enables us to live into the new life in Christ.</p>			
April 30, 2017	Assurance	John 21:15-19; 1 John 1:9	David Schuchardt
<p>Fall down 7 times, get up 8. We all go through a time of frustration and weakening strength. We need to continue to enjoy God's grace and remember that it is him who makes us stand. In Christ we do not need to fear, we can keep moving forward.</p>			
May 7, 2017	Baptism	Acts 8:26-39	Steve Lougheed
<p>All in. It's time to give 100% of ourselves and we do this through the waters of baptism. We (metaphorically) die to our old self, and (metaphorically) live a new life in Christ — we join him in his death and resurrection. We also make a public statement by doing this and we join the Jesus community through these waters.</p>			
May 14, 2017	Growth	Acts 2:42-47; 1 Timothy 4:7	David Schuchardt
<p>Train vs. try. In the same way we need to be intentional when pursuing a new goal, so we need to be intentional when it comes to growing as a disciple of Jesus — it doesn't happen by accident. There are key practices that we should engage in regularly in order to grow as a disciple.</p>			
May 21, 2017	Discipling	Matthew 28:20; Acts 26:24-31	TBD
<p>Duplicate yourself. It is a win when God's people pursue a life of discipleship and become deeper, more authentic disciples, but we are not the end goal — the kingdom is. When Jesus calls his disciples it's for them to become disciples who make new disciples. This is the bigger goal of our journey — to create disciples like us.</p>			

Resources for Discipleship

- *Invitation to a Journey*, M. Robert Mulholland
- *After You Believe*, N.T. Wright
- *Renovation of the Heart*, Dallas Willard
- *Life Together*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook*, Adele Ahlberg Calhoun