

# GO BEYOND

SERMON SERIES



***Transforming the City One Life at a Time.  
Know God, Grow Together, Discover Purpose, Make a Difference***

## CONNECT

- What is the furthest distance you've had to run? Did you finish?

## WORD

***Hebrews 12:2-3, Galatians 6:9***

*"2 Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." "9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."*

## THOUGHT

Even as Jesus didn't give into past passivity on our behalf, we're called to go beyond passivity in living for him!

Throughout Scripture, in both Old and New Testaments, God's people are called to remember (for example, Psa 105). But they are not called to remember events for the sake of the event. They are called to remember because those events are part of who they are, and what they will become. It is in this mode of remembering, of re-presenting the events of the past as part of a living story that has not yet ended, a story in which we still participate, that the events become more than dates and places. They become markers of a journey as those who were no people become a people (Ex 6:7, 1 Peter 2:10), as those who grope awkwardly in the darkness come into the light of God's presence (Isa 9:2, John 8:12), as those who were far off draw ever nearer to God and his grace.

The Stations of the Cross is a liturgical way to reenact that journey as a meditation of worship, an act of devotion to God. To think that the event of Jesus' journey to the Cross, was a one time event in history is to misunderstand the role of remembering. For in remembering this event by walking the Stations of the Cross we are not just reenacting a 2,000 year-old event. We are making our own journey, and in the process confessing our own dependence upon God.

This week, rather than asking questions about scripture, we will spend time reflecting on scripture, sharing thoughts .

## DISCUSSION

Study these stages:

1. Christ condemned to death.
2. The cross is laid upon him.
3. His first fall while carrying the cross.
4. He meets His Blessed Mother.
5. Simon of Cyrene is made to bear the cross.
6. Christ's face wiped by Veronica.
7. His second fall.
8. He meets the women of Jerusalem.
9. His third fall.
10. He is stripped of His garments.
11. His crucifixion.
12. His death on the cross.
13. His body is taken down from the cross.
14. He is laid in the tomb

## PERSONAL APPLICATION

- This week following the same practice as the study guide, spend time reflecting on a part of the Bible that you have enjoyed. It could be a life scripture that you refer back to constantly. The more familiar you are, the better. Spend time focusing on the why of every action taken place, asking God why?

## PRAYER

- Pray this week, that even in your most difficult moments, you'll Go Beyond what you would normally do and do what Jesus would do. Pray that like Christ whom took on the cross, you too will be able to keep moving in the Spirit of God during persecution, frustration and accusations. Pray that God would give you the ability to tap into the same power that motivated Christ.
- Pray with a friend, family member, coworker that they too would be able to tap into the same power that motivated Christ to death on the cross.