

WELCOME TO GOD'S BEAUTIFUL ALTERNATIVE

If you've had enough of the heartache, hardship, and hate of a world at war with God and you're ready to absolutely THRIVE in the life-giving, eternity-changing calling your Designer has designed you to fulfill, you're right where God wants you to be! We are a community of imperfect people sincerely pursuing God's absolute best for ourselves and everyone around us. That means if there is anything we can do to help you take your next step in following Christ and finding His calling on your one and only life, we are right next to you at whatever cost. If you've got questions, or want to speak to a pastor, or would like to ask for prayer, grab that pen you got with this handout and fill out one of those CONNECT CARDS that was along for the ride. Other than that, we sincerely hope you have an incredible morning marked by a life-changing encounter with the risen and reigning King Jesus Christ.

EVERYONE WANTS TO BUILD SOMETHING GREAT

The problem is finding the right opportunity. Fortunately, we've got a gaggle of life-changing, eternity-shaping options for you. When you serve with One Missoula Church, you help other people rise to become all that God made them to be. Here are a couple key areas we can multiply your time, energy, and willingness to help others:

- **KidsMin (birth-5th grade)** – bring love, joy, and biblical wisdom to young lives
- **Host & Greeter Team** – MASSIVELY important opportunity to help people know they are not only welcome, but WANTED here
- **Event Team** – help us put together anything from special events to simple hangouts so that we can make connections, deepen friendships, and make memories
- **Production Team** – leverage lighting, screen, computer, and sound systems to make the eternity-shaping message of Christ accessible to all
- **Worship Band** – sing or play guitar, bass, drums, and keys with others while building the church and pointing one another to Christ

START OR JOIN A DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY

Connect with others, get to know God, and introduce friends, family, or coworkers to Christ in a Discovery Bible Study. We can help you begin one of your own, or help you plug in to a group if you're not quite ready to facilitate on your own. Let us know how to get in touch with you via the Connect Card, by emailing info@onemissoulachurch.com, or giving us a call at 406-370-4844.



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I'm about to treat you like an adult who needs accurate information to make the best decision for you. To process what you are about to hear with a clear mind, you must first decide what degree of control you wish to give to your unstable and fluctuating emotions. Bottom Line: Will your emotions be leaders or followers?

Jeremiah 17:9 - The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? (See also *Proverbs 29:11* and cross-reference *Galatians 5:22-23*)

Last week we left off saying that throughout the Bible and history, God uses wicked oppressors to discipline His people and to destroy His enemies (*Habakkuk 1:6-12*). The increasing desperation of our present times reveal that convenient consumer "Christianity" has failed. Our nation is now reaping what we have sown both inside and outside the so-called "church". In response to God's gracious discipline, One Missoula Church will zealously repent to align with biblical revelation.

Revelation 3:14-22 - "And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: 'The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.'¹⁵ 'I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot!¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.¹⁷ For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.¹⁹ Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.²¹ The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.²² He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'"

What we are presently experiencing are social and political symptoms of spiritual disease. The solution is widespread repentance and allegiance to Jesus Christ. When "Christians" pursue distractions (*Hebrews 12:1*), and neglect actively being salt and light (*Matthew 5:13-14*) by intentionally making disciples and teaching them to obey King Jesus (*Matthew 28:18-20*), and accomplishing biblical justice and biblical mercy (*Matthew 25:31-46*; *Luke 11:42*; *Hebrews 11:33*) according to biblical methods (*John 18:36*), their absence creates a vacuum that is filled by competent pagans, heathens, secularists, and self-serving political opportunists (*Ezekiel 34:1-10*).

Luke 12:13-21 - Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."¹⁴ But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?"¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully,¹⁷ and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?'"¹⁸ And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.'¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

Following the crucified Savior King is costly, not convenient. As God, King Jesus the Christ forces the issue and does not permit any of us to define discipleship on our own terms.

Matthew 19:16-30 - And behold, a man came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?"¹⁷ And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments."¹⁸ He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness,¹⁹ Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself."²⁰ The young man said to him, "All these I have kept. What do I still lack?"²¹ Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."²² When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.²³ And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven.²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?"²⁶ But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."²⁷ Then Peter said in reply, "See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?"²⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life."³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

Because you will not answer to me in the Judgment, you'd be wise to sit down with your calendar, your financial statements, your boyfriend/girlfriend/fiancé, your spouse, your kids, your distractions, your clutter, and your Bible, to prepare an account that you will one day give to Jesus Christ the Judge (2 Timothy 4:1)

Romans 14:10-12 - Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God;¹¹ for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God. (See also Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 19:11-27; Revelation 20:11-12)

Sample Accounting: "King Jesus, who died to save me from perishing in Hell, the reason I chose _____ instead of _____ is _____." (When writing this account, remember that in the Judgment, you will no longer be able to lie to yourself).

Why do I keep putting the words like "Christian" or "church" in "scare quotes"? Because this week many Afghani Christians are forfeiting their homes, livelihoods, familial bonds and even their lives in order to remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Meanwhile, many American "Christians" won't forfeit a day of yet another vacation in order to prioritize worship, fellowship, or service with their church body. American "Christians" won't forfeit alcohol, coffee, dining out, data plans, or cable packages in order to pool finances and fund disciple-making with their church. Convenient consumer "Christianity" is a truncated counterfeit and simply not biblical discipleship.

1 John 2:3-6 - And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.⁴ Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him;⁵ but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him:⁶ whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

Luke 9:23-25 - And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.²⁵ For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?"



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