

The Via Dolorosa

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Vision: Manifesting Christ in
Many Ways to Many People

Via Dolorosa = a painfully difficult route, passage, or series of experiences.

The Via Dolorosa is a way of sorrows, a way of death. It is the traditional route taken by our Lord Jesus on His way from Pilate's judgment hall to Golgotha, or Calvary.

Christian tradition marks 14 events that transpired during that journey, when God intervened for our lives. Nine of the fourteen events are mentioned in the gospels; five are established in tradition.

Mark 15:16-24 NIV | Luke 24:1-12 NIV

Here is the offer on the table for you and me today, A GOOD DEATH.

The Promises of the Resurrection are vast: Perfection, Power, & Presence.

Colossians 3:1-4 ESV – If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Let's talk about the BENEFIT of RESURRECTION and the NECESSITY of DEATH to get there.

Did you know that it is possible to rebel against God with moral acts of goodness?

Isaiah 1:18 ESV – "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

So what is the offer: the DEATH of shame, the DEATH of feeling dirty and not good enough, the DEATH of "I wish I wouldn't have".

1) The Via Dolorosa is replaced with PERFECTION.

Adam & Eve hide behind a tree, naked, and covered in shame and conquered by sin.
Jesus hangs on a tree, naked, and conquers shame and sin.

2) The Via Dolorosa is replaced with POWER.

When life doesn't go your way, your compulsion is not towards righteousness.

Galatians 4:7 ESV – So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

What is the offer? The DEATH to POWERLESSNESS over sinful compulsions.
DEATH to ADDICTIONS. DEATH to UNFORGIVENESS.

There is a huge difference between being alive in the Spirit and walking in the Spirit.

3) The Via Dolorosa is replaced with PRESENCE.

Psalms 16:11 ESV – You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

The fullness of joy is found in a VERTICAL relationship first, and then that solves our HORIZONTAL issues.

What is the offer? The DEATH to RELATIONSHIPS that we thought could save us. DEATH to LONELINESS. DEATH to DESPAIR.

To get to the Resurrection that is available to you, you must embrace a Via Dolorosa, a good death.

Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." – Luke 9:23 NKJV

The painful and redemptive pattern of Christianity is death and then resurrection.

The Resurrection is God's definitive "NO" to death and God's decisive "YES" to life.

WELCOME!

If you have questions, please stop by the NEXT STEPS table in the foyer or look for a team member. If we can help you in any way, please email us at dwellinplacemovement@gmail.com.

Our strategy at DPC: Gather (Gatherings), Group (Connect Groups), Grow (Growth Phases), Give (Giving/Gifting Teams), Go (Outreach)

GATHER

Sundays in April - 9a + 11a
The Road to Easter

The story of Jesus' path to the cross is so important for all people to consider. This series, leading up to Easter, is framed around the roads Jesus took en route to Calvary. Each road points to the essential purpose of Jesus' journey and what we must learn from it in order to fully appreciate the significance of the cross and resurrection. What can we learn from the Triumphal Entry, Jesus' path through Gethsemane, the Via Delarosa, and the Emmaus Road?

Sunday, April 24 - 5p - Church Business Meeting

If you are a member at DP, we invite you to attend our upcoming annual business meeting. We will be sharing where we are with our building campaign on Springfield Drive, and other financial updates.

Monday, June 6 - Thursday,
June 9 - 9a -12p - DPKids
Mission: Deep Sea VBS

Mission: Deep Sea VBS makes its way to DPKids on June 6-9 from 9AM-12PM daily! It's going to be a blast learning that our faith grows deeper when we spend time with God, spend time with others, use our gifts to serve, and share our stories of faith. Register today at the Next Steps table! Ages preschool (3) - Elementary (5th grade)

GROUP

Sunday, April 17 + May 1 -
Connect Group Night

If you would like to join a connect group, please visit the Next Steps table in the lobby.

GROW

Thursday, April 21-7p - 9p
Night two of our Spring Semester of Growth Phases

It's not too late to join us for our Spring Semester of Growth Phases. Get signed up at the Next Steps table in the lobby today!

Monday, April 18 - 7p - 8:30p
Financial Peace University

Want to learn God's plan for your finances? We will be kicking off a new nine week session of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. Visit Next Steps for more details and to get signed up!

GIVE

"His Blueprint" Capital Campaign - He Has Chosen Us!
We encourage each of you to continue to ask God what He would have you give to our capital campaign!

Goal by June 2022
\$220,000

Commitment Levels:
One time Legacy Gifts
20K - Gold Legacy Gift
10K - Silver Legacy Gift
1K - Precious Stone Legacy Gift

Monthly Pledges
\$500, \$250, \$150, \$50

Did you know you can give via text? Just text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. You will follow a quick, self-guided setup process to tie your mobile phone to our church, your donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text.

GO

Be on the lookout for more opportunities to serve our community in the upcoming weeks!