

CrossRoads Baptist Church  
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Matthew 28:16-20  
Core Values #5

## **“Obeying His Teachings” Matthew 28:16-20**

**In the Great Commission, we see all five of our “Core Values” as a church. We have arranged them in the acrostic of  
CROSS:**

### **C—Christ is central**

Its all about Jesus. He is our only choice for salvation and life. Everything in this body of believers revolves around Him. It is His church and He is supreme here. Because He is the Head, then we express our dependence on Him through humble, believing prayer. Thus, He is worthy of our worship. John 3: 13-17; 14:6; Acts 4:12; Ephesians 1:22; Colossians 1:16;

### **R—Reflect His glory**

As the moon reflects the light of the Sun, so we seek for our lives to reflect His glory. We want to reflect His glory through personal godly living, through unconditionally loving one another, and extending grace toward one another. We want to treat one another like Jesus treats us. To accomplish that, then spiritual growth is expected. We are continually in process; therefore mistakes are inevitable and change will be a permanent part of our lives and organization. We will put great emphasis on small groups gathering for Bible study, prayer, service and relationship building. We will also seek to strengthen families and marriages believing the home is the laboratory for Christian living. We seek to reflect God’s glory in our worship, walk and our work.  
(John 1:14; Ephesians 3:20-21; II Corinthians 3:18; Galatians 6:14

### **O—Only following Jesus**

Jesus has called us to “Follow Him.” The most important aspect of our

church is the “hidden” personal walk with Jesus everyday through His Word, prayer and service. We are committed to developing fully devoted followers of Jesus, not a denomination or another person. Matthew 4:18-19; 10:1; Luke 14:25-33;

### **S—Seeking first His kingdom**

Jesus was about the Kingdom of God. We want to be about advancing His rule on this earth through our lives expressed in His Lordship, us being salt and light in our culture and caring more for the kingdom to grow than our individual church. We want to pray “thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.” Matthew 4:17, 23; 5:13-16; 6:10, 33

### **S—Submitting to His teachings**

A true disciple will submit to His commands and Jesus said the greatest commandment was to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” “The second is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” These two are our passion and priority. We believe these two commandments are to be lived out through two venues: our individual lives and a corporate body, the local church. Matthew 28:19-20; 22:35-40

Since Jesus is the one we are following, let Him tell us what is most important about His teachings.

Matthew 22: 35-40

I will speak more about this next Sunday and since in 2006 we spent several weeks unfolding these two great commands, let me draw this morning about the word “Love.”

In the two greatest commandments is one word that is in both of them. Love

Why?

1. Love is part of the very nature of God. (I John 4: 16-19)
2. Love is the greatest of all the virtues ( I Corinthians 13:13)
3. Love overcomes all objections and conflicts

Example: Marriage

You had your list of objections or barriers

- you didn't want to give up your freedom
- I'm too young
- you can't afford to get married (some say two can live as cheap as one but that is true if only one eats and only one is clothed)
- what about all the problems married couples have
- what if I meet somebody else

If you are married today or about to get married, is it because all of those objections were answered and settled? No – its because you meet someone that you feel in love with.

Marriage is not about reading a book, attending a class, but loving a person.

What about children?

Some of your barriers:

- Ladies, what pregnancy does to your body and great figure
- The pain of child birth and how scary it is
- How much children cost
- Do I have the wisdom to raise them right?

If you are dealing with infertility and wanting children, how much money you will spend? Why? Because you have dealt with all the issues and overcome all the barriers?

Then when that baby is born, you believe it's the most beautiful baby that has ever been born. Nobody else outside of your family believes that, but you do. Why? Love

That's the way it is in the family of God. Someone may ask, how can you love that person? He votes differently than you? He has a different occupations than you do? They are 30 years older than you? How can we do that? Love

Love is not a category, program or intellectual process, but a person.

Jesus prepared for us in redemption. He didn't do that for the angels when they fell.

His love is unconditional and eternal.

Objections you have to Christ are

- so many hypocrites
- how do we know there is a God
- If God is so loving, then why does he let babies suffer and why is there hunger and abuse in the world.
- How did God become a man and live a sinless life?
- How long did it really take to create the world?
- How do we know the Bible is true?

When you become a follower of Jesus, its not that all of these objections are erased, they are just minimized.

Because its about love.