

This week, read the following verses from the Bible. First ask, “what does it say?”, then ask “what does it mean?” and finally, ask “what will I do?” Feel free to record your answers to these questions here, or in a journal or on a notepad so you can reference them later. Find at least one person this week to share your most intriguing or impactful learning with and ask them if they have had any “aha’s” recently.

DAY ONE

John 15:1-17

What it says: _____

What it means: _____

What I'll do: _____

DAY TWO

Luke 10:25-37

What it says: _____

What it means: _____

What I'll do: _____

DAY THREE

Exodus 18:13-27

What it says: _____

What it means: _____

What I'll do: _____

DAY FOUR

Matthew 9:27-37

What it says: _____

What it means: _____

What I'll do: _____

DAY FIVE

Titus 3:1-9

What it says: _____

What it means: _____

What I'll do: _____

LOCATIONS, SERVICE TIMES AND DIRECTIONS AT CROSSROADS.NET.

FAQ

Is this place a cult?

Great question. After all, it's full of people singing songs and drinking the same beloved liquid (in this case, great coffee). Plus, numerous guitars and people dressed comfortably. But seriously. No. Cults tell you what to believe, take away your freedoms and forbid you to leave. Here, you're welcome no matter what you believe, and we want you to experience freedom (including the freedom to leave whenever you want). If that still isn't enough for you, then the answer is "Fine, we're a cult." But we're rubber and you're glue.

Got a question? Ask me at TheProgram@crossroads.net.

TO DO

Invite your friends

If you've thought about inviting your friends to check out Crossroads, but weren't sure how to ask, pick up an invite at the Info Center. It's a low-key way to tell people about Crossroads without coming across like a multi-level marketer.



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LAST WEDNESDAY

Join us on the last Wednesday of the month at Crossroads Oakley, when we gather for an evening of worship and communion. You won't miss anything; *The Office* season premiere isn't until that Thursday.

SEPTEMBER 24, 7PM

Childcare's provided. Dinner's not.

HILLS

we die on

WE ARE COMMITTED TO: Doing Life Together

We aren't interested in being a place where a lot of people get together for an inspiring service but never move beyond the casual, arm's distance relationships of an auditorium. We want to grow by really "doing life together." People who grow in their relationship with God also grow in their friendships with each other, moving beyond the Auditorium in small groups, Community Groups and through serving. Real community is knowing and being known, loving and being loved, celebrating and being celebrated, serving and being served. (From Hebrews 10:24-25 in the Bible)

The Seven Hills We Die On are applications of biblical truth expressed through the unique personality of Crossroads. Check out the Info Center to read the rest of 'em.

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The Program

This week I did my exercises by candlelight. Now that's hard-core.



current message series

Knowing God isn't about layering on religion or hopping from one spiritual awakening to the next, but rather connecting with him in an ongoing and dynamic relationship. And like any relationship, this virtually always requires intentionality on our part. This September, join our discussion on connecting with God and building spiritual strength via the fundamental, three-part regimen of Bible reading, prayer and life in community.

today

We'll be talking about how we uniquely receive both grace and truth through community.

FIRST

time here? OR SECOND, OR THIRD, OR TENTH...

Weekends at Crossroads

Weekends here are for anyone who wants to seek God, from those exploring whether or not God even exists to committed Christ-followers. We present basic, biblical truths and show how they apply to our everyday lives. And we have a lot of fun doing it—we don't believe in disconnecting from the things we enjoy, the music we like or a great joke just because we're "in church."

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND CROSSROADS ☒

JOIN A COMMUNITY GROUP

Community Groups are a great way to connect with others and grow beyond the weekend service. To find more info on all the groups being offered this fall, or to sign up, visit the kiosk in the Crossroads Oakley Atrium this weekend, or sign up online www.crossroads.net/cgroups. This is the last weekend to sign up for most groups.

FORGIVEN AND SET FREE

If you're a woman suffering remorse and guilt after an abortion, join us to find God's healing and grace. Based on the book "Forgiven & Set Free" by Linda Cochrane. Meets Wednesdays Oct. 1- Dec. 10 from 7-9pm at Crossroads Oakley. For more info and to sign up by Septmber 16, visit www.crossroads.net/cgroups.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Get pulled in by the white knuckle jazz sound of *Like Minds*. The group infuses a blend of jazz, blues and fusion with influences from Hendrix to Horace Silver. FREE. Friday, September 26 at 7pm at Crossroads Oakley.

HELP LANDSCAPE

Make Crossroads Oakley more welcoming. Saturday October 4 from 9am-12pm.

VOLUNTEER FOR AWAITED

Serve behind the scenes or in an on-stage role for *Awaited*, Crossroads' Christmas production. To sign up, visit crossroads.net/awaitedvolunteers.

WHIZ KIDS NEEDS YOU

Serve as a tutor, mentor or dinner buddy. Attend an information session at Crossroads Oakley Sunday, September 21 from 1-2pm or Monday, September 22 from 7-8pm. For more info, pick up a flyer at the Info Center.

ANGEL TREE

Help provide gifts to area children with a parent in prison this Christmas season. We need family callers, Atrium volunteers, and gift organizers. Sign up by October 5 at www.crossroads.net/reachout.

PRAYER

Available after each service in your Auditorium seat. Tuesday morning prayer at 7am in the CSM room at Crossroads Oakley. For prayer requests, go to www.crossroads.net, click "contact us" then select "prayer request" at the bottom of the page. All requests are held in strict confidence.

For more info on things happening around Crossroads, visit www.crossroads.net.



If you've got questions about Kids' Club or you'd like to spend time hanging out with some great kids, contact Kim Botto at kbotto@crossroads.net or 513.731.7400 x520.

your kids will LOVE this

AREA 56 has everything a 5th or 6th grader wants (but you don't want in your house): a sweet live band, chocolate syrup and a room full of tweens who don't think you're cool. These kids are a little too old for Kids' Club, and a little too young for CSM, so we gave them a space just to be themselves. AREA 56—even the smell is unique (we'll teach them about God, not deodorant).

meet MARK

Mark Griesmer is the leader of the Men's Open Small Group, a Community Group that meets on Wednesdays at 7pm at Crossroads Oakley beginning October 1.

What is your Community Group about?

Guys getting perspective from other guys in a relaxed, low-key environment.

Why should someone join your group?

To share life experiences with other men and have a better understanding of God's plan for us.

What do you hope men will get out of the group?

Growing closer to God, developing relationships and community, and making a big church feel small.

Sign up for a Community Group before Sept. 21 at the kiosk in the Crossroads Oakley Atrium or by visiting crossroads.net/cgroups.



REACHOUT

WHIZ KIDS

Change your life and a child's life by giving your time and heart. Help tutor and mentor at-risk kids. Their test scores radically improve, and most importantly, they begin to feel hope.

We have over 300 volunteer opportunities for you to impact the life of a child during the school year. From weekly to as-needed, time commitments are as varied as the roles.

INFO SESSIONS:
SUNDAY, SEPT. 21, 1-2PM
MONDAY, SEPT. 22, 7-8PM

Check out an info session this week at Crossroads Oakley for more information on how you can serve with Whiz Kids.



NEWER to crossroads?

Discover more about the vision behind Crossroads and how you can get involved (if you want) by attending the next Context Live this Sunday, September 21, at 1pm at Crossroads Oakley. Meet some people. Get some questions answered. Eat some lunch. The Bengals have an away game, and they're not looking so good anyway.

Childcare and lunch are provided. Visit crossroads.net/contextlive to RSVP, or just show up.

CONTEXT

WHO WE ARE AND WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

GO BE THE CHURCH