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# HILLS we die on

WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

#### reproduction

Reproduction is about recognizing something that God has created and then reproducing it in his name. We want to send God's message out into the world by reproducing everything from the weekend program to CDs of each message series. Crossroads wants to be a place where Christ-followers reproduce Christ-followers, leaders reproduce leaders and churches reproduce other churches.

Matthew 28:19-20

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



# your kids will LOVE this

But not as much as they love you. We are pumped to have your kids in Kids' Club for an hour every week, but you are the real spiritual leader in your child's life. Does that freak you out? We've got you covered. You can see what they learned each week in kids club by checking out www.crossroads.net/kc.

Also, be on the lookout for parent pages that provide fun suggestions of things you can do at home to help lead your kids. Don't worry, our suggestions for home aren't nearly as messy as the weekend activities.

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.





# 10 24-25 The Program ❖

No. 5 in the BCS and I have a new favorite Brian (sorry, Tome).

# KNOW

### That Daylight Saving Time ends on the first weekend of November?

Don't forget to set your clocks back next Saturday night (DST ends at 2am on November 1). If you don't, you might be an hour early for the weekend's services. That's right, "fall back" means that you get an extra hour of sleep. What used to be 9am is now only 8am. If you forget and arrive early, just have some more coffee.





#### current message series

Your life is a garden God has given you to cultivate. If you want the garden to produce fruit, you have to be intentional about tending it. Join us as we explore the fundamentals and disciplines of healthy growth.

#### today

We'll be talking about how our lives need pruning in order to produce healthy fruit.

## FIRST

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

#### Relax

It's OK to laugh at church. We don't take ourselves too seriously, but we take what we do VERY seriously. As a result, we like to make fun of ourselves, and sometimes, the Bengals. We believe that God has a sense of humor and that you should, too. But if you don't think it's funny, feel free to e-mail us and later we'll have a good laugh at what you wrote. (Kidding! See? We did it again.)

## in the KNOW

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND CROSSROADS ❷

#### HALLOWEEN BREAKFAST AT CITY GOSPEL MISSION

Join us next Saturday, October 31 for breakfast at The Diner at City Gospel Mission. We serve breakfast at The Diner every fifth Saturday of the month. For exact times and to sign up, visit the Info Center at Crossroads Oakley or e-mail us at diner@crossroads.net and let us know how many friends you'll be bringing.

#### MOMS PRAY FOR CHILDREN

Saturday, November 14, from 9am-1pm, Moms In Touch International is hosting a worldwide prayer event at Crossroads Oakley to pray for children and schools around the world. Register now at www.momsintouch.org. For more info, contact Karen at kkpitz@yahoo.com.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

Enjoy the soulful, acoustic sound of singer/songwriter Holly Spears on Friday, November 6, at 7pm at Crossroads Oakley. Free concert

#### **GOING DEEPER**

Grow in relationship with God. regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey. Going Deeper is an Ongoing Community Group that meets on Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm at Crossroads Oakley. Includes topical Bible study with real-world application. For more info, visit crossroads.net/cgroups, and click on "ongoing groups."

#### **PRAYER**

Available after each service in your Auditorium seat. For other ways to receive prayer, or to find out about serving on the Prayer Team, go to www.crossroads.net/prayer. All requests are held in strict confidence.

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

#### **Daily Exercises**

Read John 15:1-2. Imagine how strange it would be to hear about grapes at a vineyard revolting against the winemaker. Yet, we regularly revolt against our creator, God, primarily because we struggle to trust him with our lives. List the areas of your life where you struggle to trust God, then, write a vision statement of what it would look like to surrender each area to God. Save this list for Day Three.

#### Day 2:

Read John 15:1-4. There are certain situations in our lives where God seems to be pruning things out of us. These experiences can involve pain or self-denial, but they can also produce good fruit

Think about a past or present pruning experience in your life. What did you learn about yourself? About God? Did it produce fruit in your life? If so, what was it?

Take a few moments to thank God for this pruning experience, focusing on celebrating the fruit that it produced.

#### Day 3:

Read John 15:9–11. God's goal in pruning is love. He desires relationship with us because he loves us, and he wants us to bear fruit. Jesus says that when we trust God, the result is a more complete joy.

Go back to the list from Day One and walk through the following prayer exercise:

- 1. Ask God to be present with you.
- 2. Read out loud the areas where you struggle to surrender to God.
- 3. Pick 1–2 items on the list that you are willing to surrender, and read your vision statement of surrender out loud.
- 4. Meditate on these words from Jesus: "If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest. Take the yoke I give you. Put it on your shoulders and learn from me. I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest. This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30
- 5. Whenever you struggle to trust God in these areas, picture Jesus taking a heavy load off of your shoulders and putting it

## LAST WEDNESDAY

Join us for Last Wednesday, a time of worship through music, prayer and communion on the last Wednesday of the month at Crossroads Oakley. Childcare's provided. Dinner's not.

OCTOBER 28, 7PM

#### REACHOUT

## THANKS-**GIVING DAY**

WITH CITY GOSPEL **MISSION** 

Cooks, meal servers, hospitality people and delivery drivers needed. For more info and to sign up, visit crossroads.net/diner.