



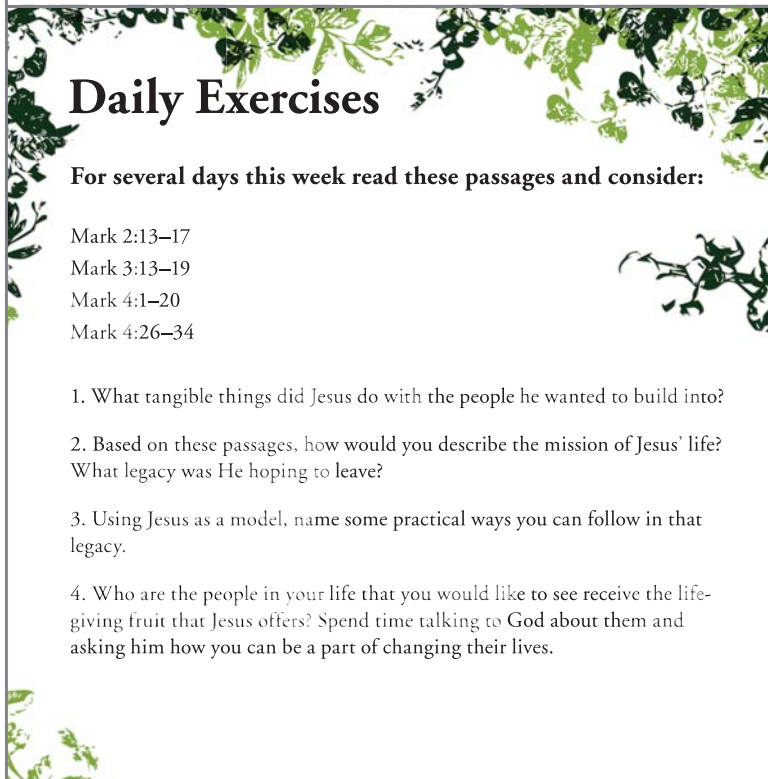


### current message series

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 what it means to produce fruit that lasts.



### Daily Exercises

For several days this week read these passages and consider:

- Mark 2:13-17
- Mark 3:13-19
- Mark 4:1-20
- Mark 4:26-34

1. What tangible things did Jesus do with the people he wanted to build into?
2. Based on these passages, how would you describe the mission of Jesus' life? What legacy was He hoping to leave?
3. Using Jesus as a model, name some practical ways you can follow in that legacy.
4. Who are the people in your life that you would like to see receive the life-giving fruit that Jesus offers? Spend time talking to God about them and asking him how you can be a part of changing their lives.

## in the KNOW

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND CROSSROADS ☒

### CROSSROADS + MONEY?

Ever wondered how Crossroads thinks about money, or how it gets spent around here? Check out an audio interview with Brian Tome on the subject at [crossroads.net/money](http://crossroads.net/money).

### FREE CHILDBIRTH CLASS

Join other expectant families and learn all you need to know about the childbirth process from a certified instructor. Saturday, November 14, from 9:30am-3:30pm at Crossroads Oakley. Register by e-mailing [childbirthclasses@crossroads.net](mailto:childbirthclasses@crossroads.net).

### DECK THE HALLS

Help decorate the Atrium at Crossroads Oakley for Christmas. We'll be hanging garland and wreaths, putting up trees etc. Sign up for a two hour shift Monday, November 23, between 9am-3pm or Tuesday, November 24 between noon-8pm. E-mail [decorating@crossroads.net](mailto:decorating@crossroads.net).

### 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](http://www.momsintouch.org). For more info, contact Karen at [kkpitz@yahoo.com](mailto:kkpitz@yahoo.com).

### 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 Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm at Crossroads Oakley. For info, visit [crossroads.net/cgroups](http://crossroads.net/cgroups), and click on "ongoing groups."

### BUMPER STICKERS

If you haven't picked up an "I Love Cincinnati" bumper sticker, there are still some available at the Info Center. Don't be afraid to give a shout out to our city—they're "re-stickable".

### 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](http://www.crossroads.net/prayer). All requests are held in strict confidence.

*For more info on things happening around Crossroads, visit [www.crossroads.net](http://www.crossroads.net).*

## coming up NEXT

# TYPECAST

We probably all have ideas about what we're "supposed to be" as friends, spouses, parents or single people. Often fueled by the media (and especially sitcoms), these perceptions can make it hard for us to be single, married or a parent without feeling typecast as a certain kind of person. Join us as we ditch the stereotypes and take a fresh look at how God intends these roles to play out.

- 11/14-15: FRIENDS
- 11/21-22: SINGLES
- 11/28-29: PARENTS
- 12/05-06: MARRIED



## your kids will LOVE this



As part of the Thanksgiving Food Drive, Kids' Club is collecting peanut butter for our friends in South Africa.

To join in the fun, bring an UNOPENED, 18oz. jar of CREAMY peanut butter to Kids' Club any weekend between now and November 21-22. (Yes, Kids' Club is still peanut-free. No, South Africa's not. And apparently they don't like crunchy.)



*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](mailto:kbotto@crossroads.net) or 513.731.7400 x520.*

## REACHOUT

# FEED A FAMILY (OR A TOWNSHIP) THIS THANKSGIVING

Pick up a box for the Thanksgiving Food Drive this weekend, and help provide a meal for a needy family. The food drive feeds families both in Cincinnati and in South Africa (the boxes are different—we don't send frozen turkeys overseas), and it's easy to participate. Go on your own, or gather together family, friends or a small group and grab a box in the Atrium. Then return it filled with the appropriate food the weekend of November 21-22.

Questions? Visit [crossroads.net/tfd](http://crossroads.net/tfd).



## 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 event on Sunday, November 15 at 1pm at Crossroads Oakley. Meet some people. Get some questions answered. Eat some (free) lunch.

*Childcare provided. For more details and to RSVP, visit [crossroads.net/contextlive](http://crossroads.net/contextlive).*

# CONTEXT

WHO WE ARE AND WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO