

This week, read the following verses from the Bible and apply the method Brian taught in his talk. First ask, “what does it say?” Then ask, “what does it mean?” Finally, ask “what will I do?” Feel free to write down your answers to these questions here, or in a journal or on a notepad so you can reference them later.

DAY ONE

Luke 8:16-18

What it says: _____

What it means: _____

What I'll do: _____

DAY TWO

Mark 1:35-39

What it says: _____

What it means: _____

What I'll do: _____

DAY THREE

Genesis 12:1-7

What it says: _____

What it means: _____

What I'll do: _____

DAY FOUR

1 Peter 1:13-16

What it says: _____

What it means: _____

What I'll do: _____

DAY FIVE

Acts 4:32-35

What it says: _____

What it means: _____

What I'll do: _____

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FAQ

Why's it so dark in the Auditorium?

There are a few reasons why the Auditorium is dark. First, Crossroads is designed to be a place to come and engage regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey. Most first-timers don't want to be singled out, and a darker room provides anonymity within community. Second, because we value creativity, we love to use multiple ways of communicating (like cool videos and stuff) that require a theatrical environment. Third, you look better that way.

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

TO DO

Audition for Awaited

Awaited is an original Crossroads Christmas production that debuted last year. It's happening again this year, with a bigger choir and more music, so there are new opportunities to serve. If you're a singer, dancer, percussionist, gymnast or rock climber (really), we need you. Auditions take place Sept. 16, 17 and 23 for choir; Sept. 16 for shepherds and Sept. 23 for magi.

For all of the details, visit crossroads.net/awaitedvolunteers.



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LAST WEDNESDAY

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

SEPTEMBER 24, 7PM

Childcare's provided. Dinner's not.

HILLS

we die on

WE ARE COMMITTED TO: culturally current communication

Crossroads is a place that helps connect those who are exploring God's love and truth. The challenge for us is that the Bible was written a long time ago for people in another culture. The fact that we live in 21st century Cincinnati doesn't change the message that God gave 2000 years ago, but it does mean that we need to do some work to connect it to our lives today. Jesus did exactly the same thing when he was teaching. He used the current language and daily life experiences of those around him to communicate truth. That's what we mean by “**culturally current communication**.” (From Ecclesiastes 12:10 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

I've been working my on my core this week, and man, I'm sore.



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

Reading the Bible can appear intimidating or just plain confusing, but today we're going to talk about how it can become a core life-giving activity in our relationship with God.

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

Welcome

Whatever your thoughts on church, whatever your beliefs about God, you are welcome here. We won't make assumptions about what you believe. You won't be asked to wear a nametag or make a speech. We're just glad you're here, and we hope you enjoy yourself.

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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 Atrium this weekend, or www.crossroads.net/cgroups to sign up online.

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. For more info and to sign up by Septmber 16, visit www.crossroads.net/cgroups.

MAMELODI EYEGLASS DRIVE

Bring old prescription eyeglasses, reading glasses or sunglasses to the Info Center by September 14. They'll be cleaned and distributed via the mobile eyeglass clinic in Mamelodi, South Africa. For info on the Eye Care Team, contact eyecare@crossroads.net.

CSM RETURNS

CSM Jr. and Sr. High have returned with new times. Jr. High students will meet on Sundays at 10am and Sr. High will meet Sundays at 11:45am.

WHIZ KIDS NEEDS YOU

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

JUSTICE TRIP TO MUMBAI

Travel to Mumbai in February 2009 to further justice work with our partner, International Justice Mission. Attend an info session in Meeting Room B on Sunday, September 14 from 1-2pm, or Wednesday, September 17 from 7-8pm. Questions? Contact Roberta Teran at 513.310.6638.

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. 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.



your kids will
LOVE
this

All kids from birth through sixth grade are invited to Kids' Club, a fun learning environment designed just for them. Kids' Club is free, totally secure and offered during all services. Any blue-shirted, name-tagged volunteer will be happy to answer questions and point you and your kids in the right direction. And don't worry—we'll let you know if your child needs you at any point during the service.

If you've got questions about Kids' Club, contact Kim Botto at 513.731.7400 x520 or kbotto@crossroads.net.

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, September 21, at 1pm. Meet some people. Get some questions answered. Eat some lunch. The Bengals have an away game, anyway.

Childcare and lunch are provided. Visit crossroads.net/contextlive to RSVP.

CONTEXT
WHO WE ARE AND WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

TO DO

Financial Peace University

How does money affect you? Learn how to get out of debt, stay out of debt, build wealth and live generously through Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. Even though it started Sept. 13, it's not too late to join and figure out how to manage money in a healthy and fulfilling way. Go to crossroads.net/cgroups for more information and to sign up.



CONNECT & GROW

meet

AUDREY

Audrey Calloway is a tutor and mentor with Whiz Kids, where she has been serving for five years.

What's the most rewarding thing about serving?

The students. As a tutor, I have been given the opportunity to encourage my students to do their best and achieve, and to illustrate to them that they are valued, cared for and respected.

Why should someone serve in Whiz Kids?

Whiz Kids offers different serving opportunities that utilize a variety of gifts. The more volunteers that we have, the more students we will be able to serve.

Info Sessions:

Sunday, Sept. 21, 1-2pm
Monday, Sept. 22, 7-8pm

For more information, check out the Whiz Kids Info Sessions, pick up a flyer at the Info Center, or visit crossroads.net/whizkids (you'll need to sign-in to sign up).

