

THE VALUES THAT MATTER MOST TO US

The Is Us – Part 3:

What's Unique About C.R.O.S.S.R.O.A.D.S.?

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OUR COMMON FOUNDATION WITH MANY OTHER CHURCHES

Christ-centered . . . Bible based . . . God glorifying . . .

Spirit-led Prayer-powered . . . Mission-minded & Focused on
God's 5 Purposes of a Church –

Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Service, & Evangelism

OUR DISTINCTIVE PRIORITIES: C.R.O.S.S.R.O.A.D.S

CENTER OF GOD'S GRACE

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as God forgave you through Christ." Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

"As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Colossians 3:12 (NIV)

HOW? Testimonies, Worship, Midweek Connect, etc.

"Warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified!" Rom. 15:7 (LB)

RELEVANT DISCIPLESHIP

"Be DOERS of the Word, and NOT HEARERS only, deceiving your own selves." James 1:22

"Anyone, who KNOWS the good he ought to do but doesn't DO it, sins." James 4:17 (NIV)

Jesus: "Not everyone who SAYS to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who DOES the will of my Father." Matthew 7:21 (NIV)

Jesus: "Teach them TO DO everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:20

OBVIOUS FAITH

"Without faith it is impossible to please God." Hebrews 11:6

"Anything not done in faith is sin." Romans 14:23

"Glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of — infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes!" Ephesians 3:20

Jesus said: "According to your faith will it be done to you!" Matthew 9:29

Jesus: "Everything is possible for him who believes!" Mark 9:23

HOW? By setting exponential faith goals!

STUDENT-FOCUSED YOUTH MINISTRY

Jesus: "Be careful! Don't make the mistake of thinking that little children are unimportant! I tell you that they have angels who are always with my Father in heaven." Matthew 18:10

Jesus: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 18:3

Jesus: "My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." Mark 11:17 (NIV)

SERVANT HEARTED

"All nations will remember the Lord. From every part of the world they will turn to him; all races will worship him." Psalm 22:27 (TEV)

HOW? By treating EVERYONE with dignity and intentionally reaching out to all!

"Show respect for all people: Love your brothers and sisters in God's family." 1 Peter 2:17

REAL FELLOWSHIP

HOW? Through Worship, Midweek Connect and Christian Friendships.

“Let us be concerned for one another, and inspire each other to show love and to do good. Let us not give up the habit of meeting together... Instead, let us encourage one another all the more...”
Hebrews 10:24-25

“A despairing man should have the devotion of his friends, even though he forsakes the fear of the Almighty.” Job 6:14

“Just ask the former generation. Pay attention to their experience. For we know so little...and our days on earth are brief. But those who came before us will teach you. They will teach you from the wisdom of former generations.” Job 8:8-10 (NLT)

OUTREACH THAT IS CREATIVE

“I become a servant to everyone so that I can win them to Christ. When I am with Jews who follow Jewish laws, I adapt to them so I can win them to Christ and when I am with Gentiles I try to fit in as much as I can to help and reach them. To the weak I become weak to win the weak. Whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him. I do this to get the Good News to them and also for the blessing I receive when I see them come to Christ.”
1 Corinthians 9:19-23

HOW? By being intentional in reaching new groups of people.

Jesus: *“You cannot put new wine in old wineskins!”* Mark 2:22

AUTHENTIC LIVING

“All of you together are Christ's Body, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:27 (NLT)

“The eye can never say to the hand, ‘I don't need you.’ The head can't say to the feet, ‘I don't need you.’ In fact, some of the parts that seem least important are really the most necessary!”
1 Corinthians 12:21-22 (NLT)

DEVELOP DELIBERATE PLANS FOR PERSONAL GROWTH

“Let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and GO ON to maturity.” Hebrews 6:1 (NIV)

“Mark out a straight path for your feet; then stick to the path and you will stay safe.” Proverbs 4:26

“As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more.” 2 Cor. 3:18 (NLT)

SAVIOR'S LOVE IN ACTION

“This is how we know what love is: Christ gave his life for us. We too, then, ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters! If we have possessions and see others in need, yet close our hearts against them, how can we claim that we love God? Our love must not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which show itself in ACTION!” 1 John 3:16-18

MEMORY VERSE:

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.”
Hebrews 11:6

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Father, We have been looking this month at Your larger church body, in general, and Crossroads church body, in particular. As we stop and ask why we do what we do, help me to accurately assess my involvement in church. If I find myself being a consumer, move me to become a contributor, move me from being a spectator to a participant, from attender to someone who is involved as an active member of your body of believers.

Lord, thank You for those who join in on the call with Crossroads Church each week. Thank You for allowing me to share in worship with them. I ask you to bless their lives. I pray for their physical health, their spiritual health. I pray for their emotional health and their mental health. I pray for their relational health, I pray for help in their finances, in every area of their life. Bless them bless them with good health, not just so that they can just feel good, but so that they can be a blessing to others.

As much as I know how to ask You, Lord, I say yes to You and all You have planned for my life. Change me and help me to know Your purpose for me. Thank You for dying on the cross so that I might live. Help me every day to know a little bit more about what it really means to live for You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.