

CRASH COURSE

CONNECT
— AND — **GROW**
AT CROSSROADS



WELCOME TO CRASH COURSE!

This 4-week experience will give you what you need to begin connecting and growing at Crossroads.

Two key elements will make this experience powerful for you...

1 YOUR ATTENDANCE

Each week you will have some fun, make some new friends, and receive unique training to help you connect and grow.

2 YOUR ENGAGEMENT

This isn't meant to be a passive experience. Engage in the activities and training each of the four sessions and at home through weekly **GODEEPER** activities.

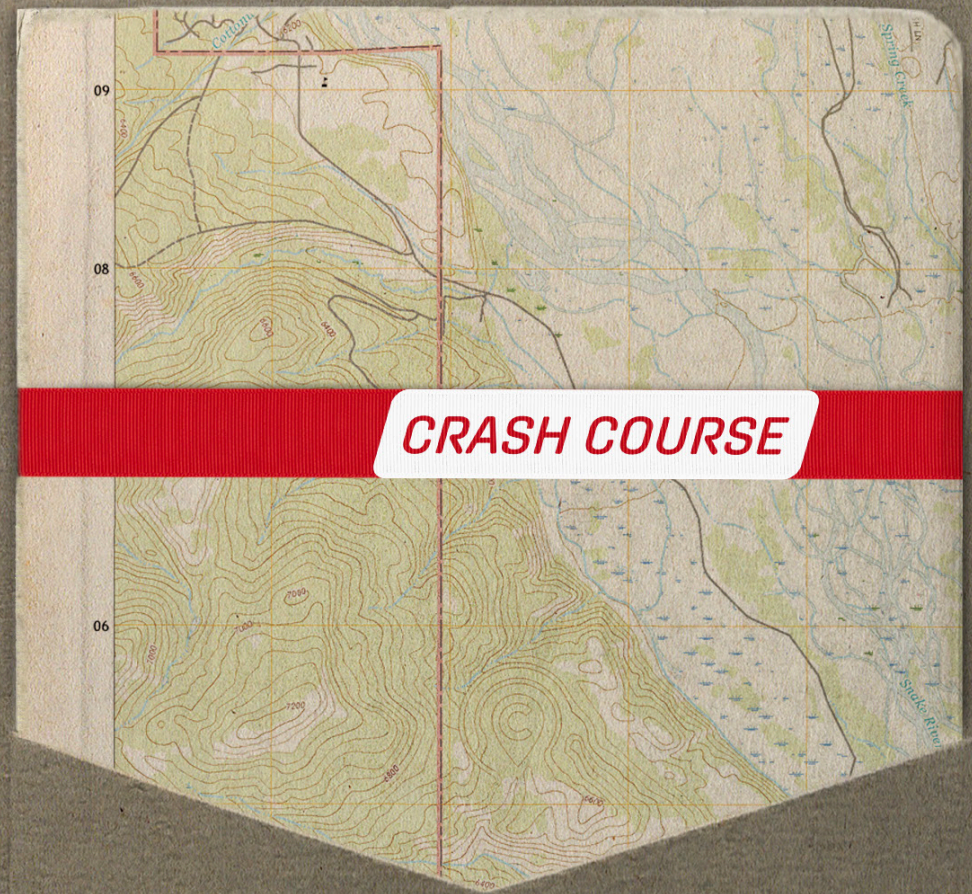
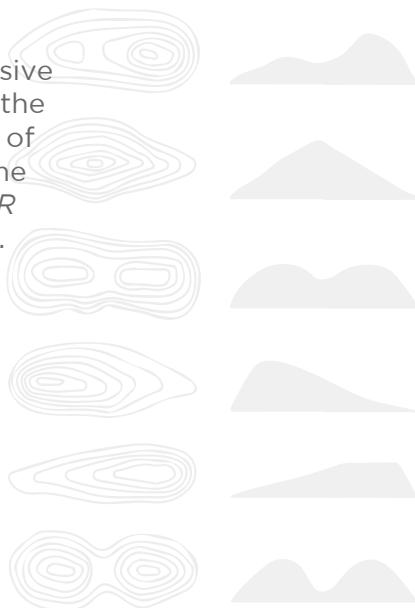


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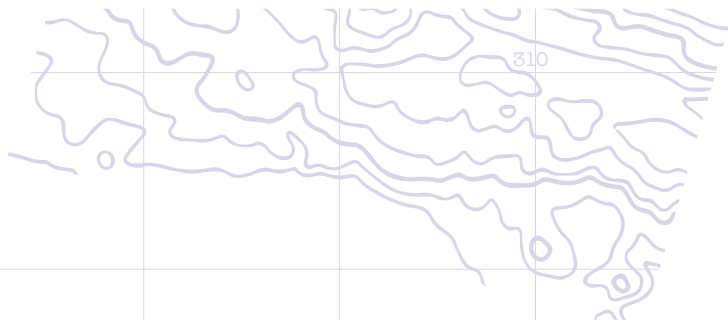
WEEK 1

CONNECT

CROSSROADS' STORY

MISSION STATEMENT

Crossroads Community Church exists to meet *you* where *you* are and help *you* take *your* next step with Christ.



CORE VALUES

Worshipping God is a big deal

We want to help you make Jesus as famous as you can.

All people matter

We are not here to judge, that is solely God's job, it doesn't matter what color your skin is, what wrongs you have committed, or what beliefs you have that don't line up with others, you matter to God and so you matter to us.

It's okay not to be okay

You can be real here, you don't have to fake it, you can ask lots of questions.

We are blessed to bless others

You have been given so much, and blessing others with what you have through your time, talent and treasure is good for you and someone else.

We become more like Jesus together

Growing up was never intended to happen alone. Whether you grab your friends and grow, or meet some new ones and grow, this is all part of becoming more like Jesus.

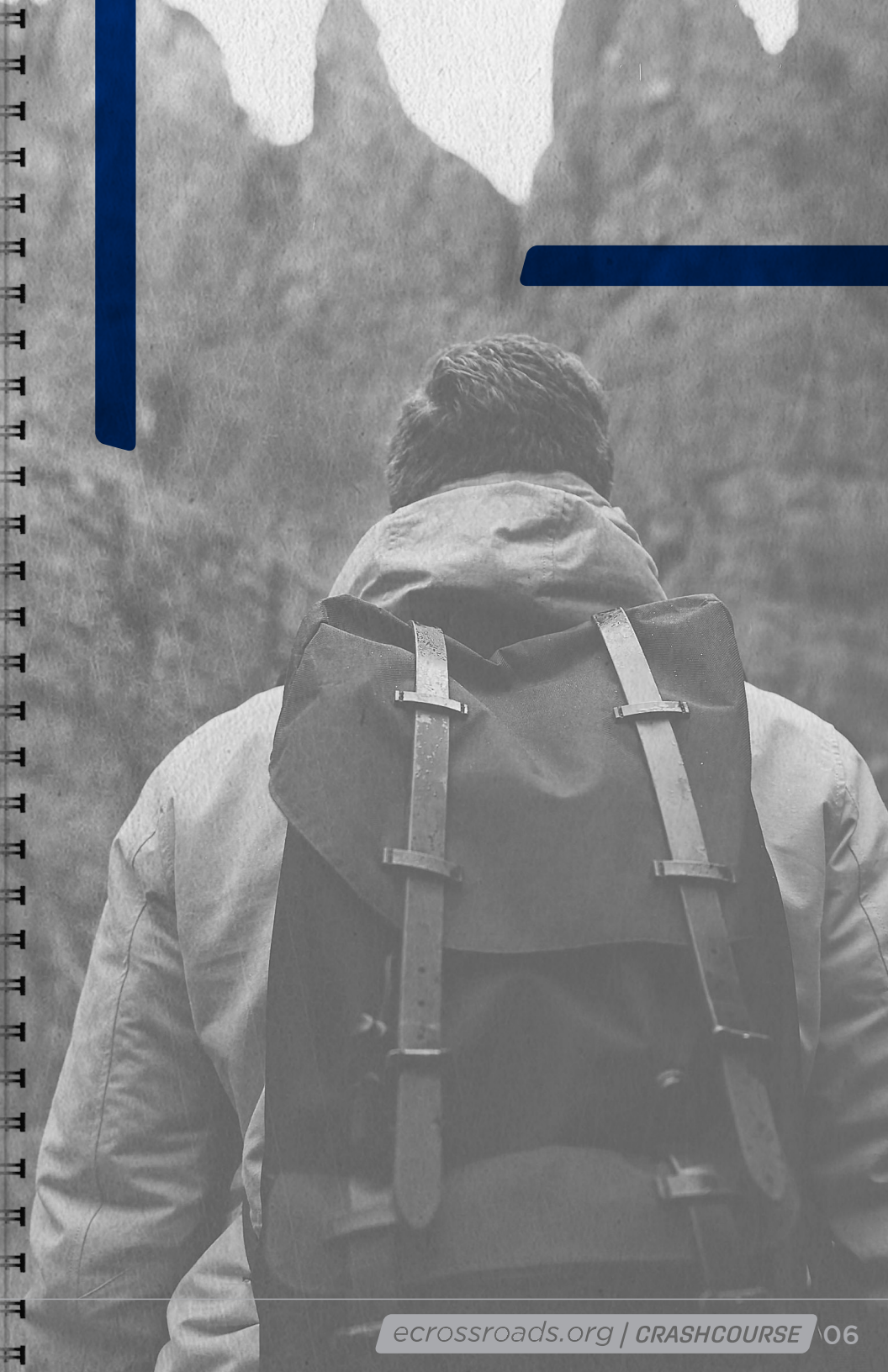
We build faith at home

We all have a home, and we want to help you grow up those who are part of your home.

WHERE ARE YOU & WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

We all have a

Our goal at Crossroads is to help you take your next step with Christ.





* GODEEPER materials will be emailed to you each week or you can find them at ECROSSROADS.ORG/CRASHCOURSE

THIS WEEK

▶ NEXT STEPS GUIDE

Complete the following Next Steps Guide on pages 7-10:

WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP WITH CHRIST?

Every single person on the planet has a next step to take with Christ. From the oldest saint who has run their race well to the person that some might say is the furthest away from God... Everybody has at least one more, specific step Christ wants them to take towards Him.

The following inventory is a general tool meant to help you identify growth areas that are specific to you. Warning! This can be difficult: resist the urge to feel judgment or shame. That's the last thing we want, and it's why we encourage you to walk through it with a trusted friend or discipler so you can talk about it in the context of your personal journey.

Answer each statement based on the following scale.

- 2 IF THE STATEMENT IS TRUE MOST OR ALL OF THE TIME
1 IF THE STATEMENT IS TRUE OCCASIONALLY
0 IF THE STATEMENT IS NEVER TRUE
NA DOES NOT APPLY TO YOUR CIRCUMSTANCE

Worshiping God is a big deal (1 of 6)

- I have accepted Christ as my Savior.
I have been baptized.
I spend 5-10 minutes daily in prayer and Bible reading.
I memorize Scripture verses.
I study God's word.
I pray for others by name.
I pray for my church.
I attend church 2-3+ times per month.
I participate during the worship services.
I prioritize worshiping God outside of the weekend service.

All people matter to God (2 of 6)

- I am aware of and understand my spiritual gift. Have you taken the spiritual gifts test? Yes / No
I serve at my church. What ministry
How often
I pray daily for someone's salvation. Who?
I intentionally invest in someone for the purpose of leading them to Christ.
I volunteer in a ministry to the hurting. (Examples: Servant Ministries, Care groups, Special Needs, Rescue Mission, Godsend Garage, etc.)
I do things that help strangers know that God loves and values them.

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It's OK to not be OK (3 of 6)

- I overcome any hurts, hang-ups, or habits that keep me from growing in Christ.
- I intentionally and regularly remind myself of who I am in Christ.
- I successfully fight temptation regarding my particular personal sins.
- I share with someone regarding personal issues and struggles in my life.
- I pray or fast regarding a particular personal struggle.
- I take additional steps to address that struggle.
examples: Care groups, Intensive Bible Study, seeing a counselor, etc.

We are blessed to bless (4 of 6)

- I give spontaneously to the needs of someone else.
- I spend time in prayer thanking God for my blessings.
- I intentionally tithe to my church on a regular basis.
tithe = giving 10% or more of my income
- I determine a budget, and live within that budget, so I can give to others.
- I verbally bless someone I do not know.
- I give beyond my tithe to support a need in my church, community, or world.

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We become more like Jesus together (5 of 6)

- I attend a small group.
- I spend intentional social time with other believers.
examples: go out to dinner, have people over to your home, go camping together, etc.
- I participate in larger group activities.
examples: Huddle, Fight Club, Great Banquet, etc.
- I evaluate whether I feel closer to Christ today than I did a few months ago.
- I find my heart broken by a burden from God.
- I take steps to intentionally address a conflict with someone.
- I have forgiven someone of an offense against me.

We build faith at home (6 of 6)

- I date my spouse or significant other.
- I relate to my spouse or significant other in their love language.
*Have you and those under your roof discovered your love language?
Yes / No*
- I intentionally invest time in my kids, grandkids, & family.
- I pray daily with and for those under my roof.
- I talk about matters of faith at least weekly with those under my roof.
- I serve together monthly with those under my roof.

Review each item you marked as a 0 or 1 with a trusted friend. Then, prayerfully determine one or two steps to focus on in the coming months.

MY NEXT STEP IS...

WEEK 2
GROW

WE BECOME MORE LIKE JESUS TOGETHER

GENESIS 2:18

“It’s not good for man to be alone.”

I cannot fully grow in my faith

CROSSROADS VALUE:

We become more like Jesus





ENVIRONMENTS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Spiritual Growth =

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Short-Term Groups



Care Groups

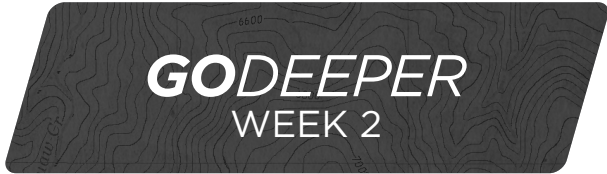


Celebrate Recovery

Life Groups

ACTION STEP JOIN OR START A GROUP!

- ▶ Find available groups at groups.ecrossroads.org
- ▶ Interested in starting and leading a group?
Let us know at GROUPS.ECROSSROADS.ORG



GODEEPER

WEEK 2

THIS WEEK

► **CROSSROADS ACCOUNT**

Watch for an email this week with an activation link to sign up for your Crossroads Account.



WEEK 3

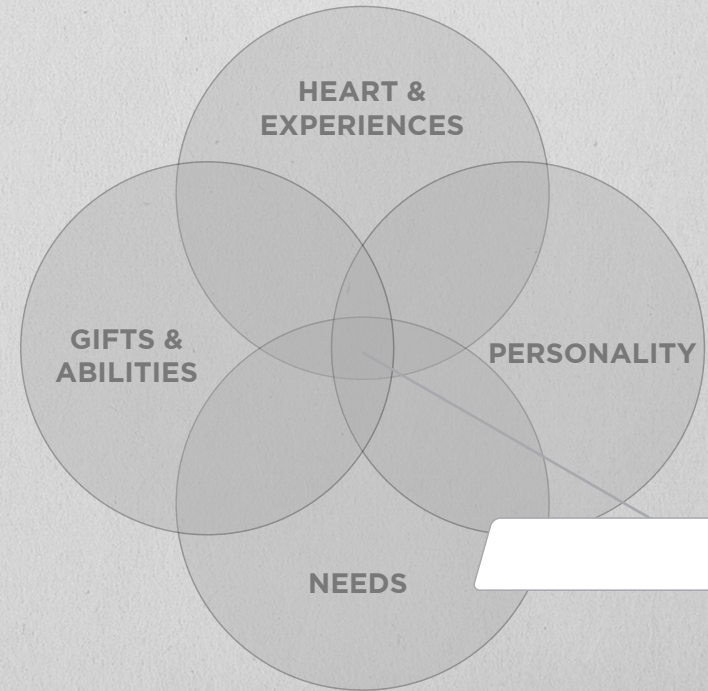
SERVE

SHAPED AND PLACED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

WHY AM I AT CROSSROADS?

But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be...Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12:18, 27)

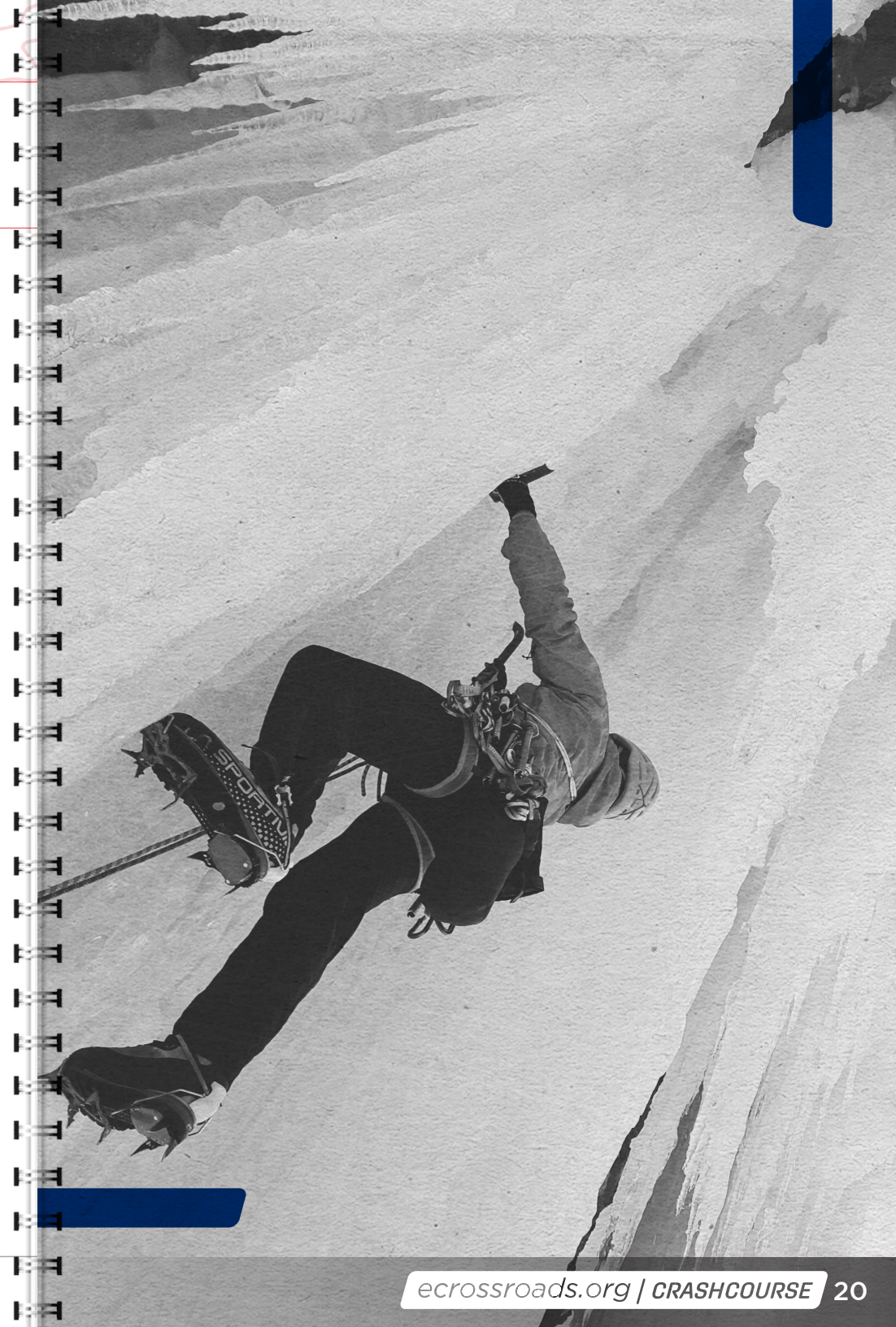
- ▶ God has me at Crossroads
to
- ▶ Who God has shaped me to points to what God has
called me to
- ▶ Finding your unique SHAPE: S
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ACTION STEP SIGN UP TO BECOME A DIFFERENCE MAKER

- ▶ After the All Access Tour, find an area that might fit your SHAPE and get involved!
- ▶ Sign up at [ECROSSROADS.ORG/GET-INVOLVED](https://ecrossroads.org/get-involved)



GODEEPER WEEK 3

THIS WEEK

▶ VIDEO

Watch the **GODEEPER** video for week 3 about Spiritual Gifts & take notes on the following page.

▶ MY FIT ASSESSMENT

Complete the MyFit assessment at [SUPPORT.ECROSSROADS.ORG](https://support.ecrossroads.org) (You can log in with your Crossroads Account).



GODEEPER VIDEO NOTES

▶ SPIRITUAL GIFTS

A spiritual gift is a special ability, given by the Holy Spirit to every believer, to be used to serve others and build up the body of Christ.

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. (1 Peter 4:10)

SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE

- ▶ God therefore require
- ▶ A wide that brings to the church.

(Find examples in Ephesians 4:11, 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, 1 Peter 4)

- ▶ For, not me.

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. (1 Corinthians 12:7)

HOW DO I DISCOVER MY SPIRITUAL GIFT?

- ▶ Take the My Fit assessment at [SUPPORT.ECROSSROADS.ORG](https://support.ecrossroads.org)
- ▶ Get involved in ministry
- ▶ Talk to others serving with you

WEEK 4

GO

SHARE YOUR STORY

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

A witness tells what they've and

WHEN IS A TIME THAT GOD MADE HIMSELF REAL IN MY LIFE?

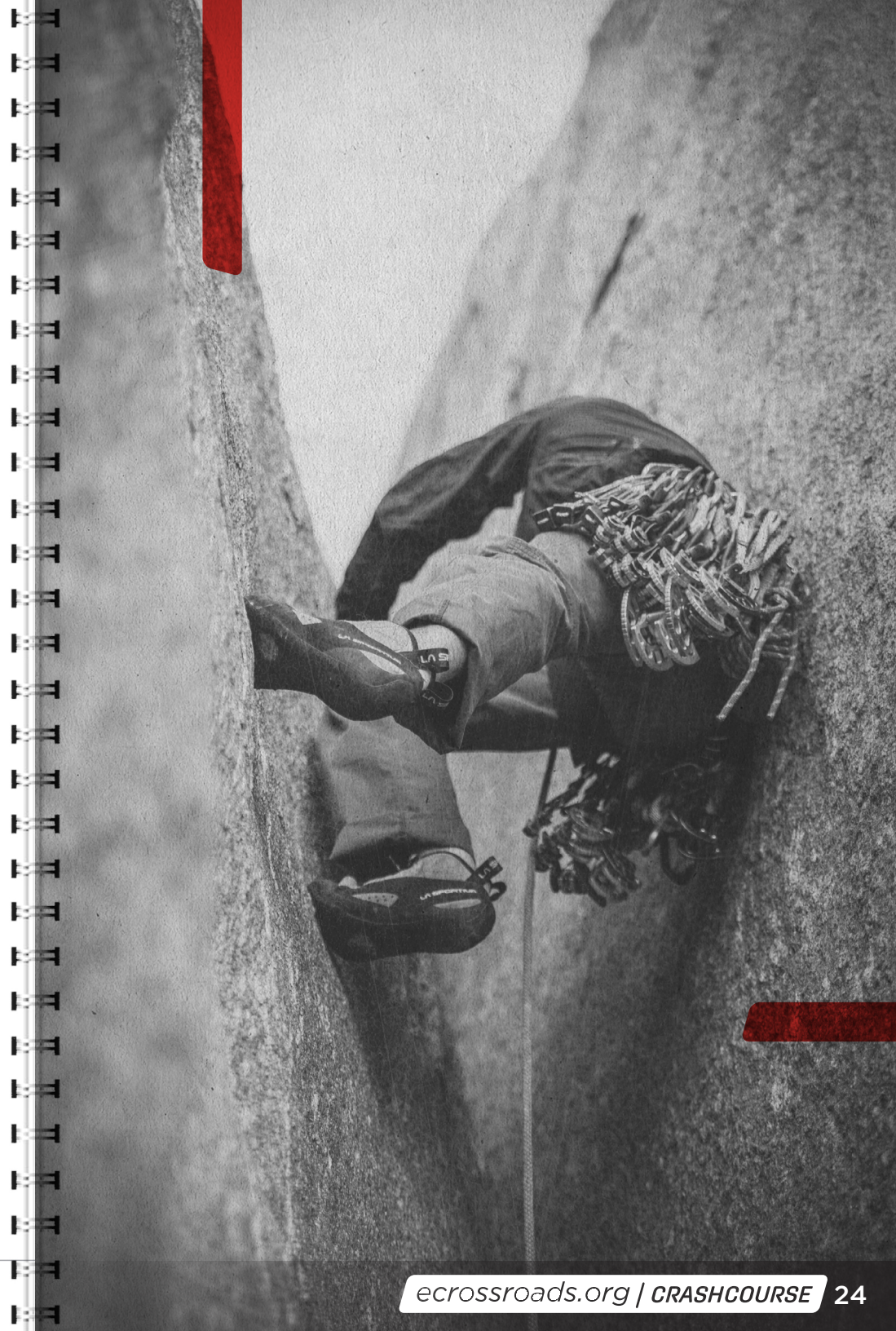
They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony. (Revelation 12:11)

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My story

WHO IS THE ONE I WILL SHARE MY STORY WITH?

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GENEROSITY

Everything I have belongs to

God sets the for what it means to be generous.

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. (Malachi 3:10 NLT)

Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. (Matthew 6:21 NLT)

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. (1 Timothy 6:17-18 NLT)

We are blessed to

ACTION STEP YOU CAN SET UP ONLINE GIVING AT:

► ecrossroads.org/give

MAKING A MEMBERSHIP DECLARATION

WHY WOULD I WANT TO MAKE CROSSROADS HOME?

Home is where I

Home is where my are.

Home is where I make a in others.

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity — all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42-47)

WHAT IS A MEMBERSHIP DECLARATION?

God is the one who made me a member of his family, so I choose to let God grow me:

- 1. Connecting to God through having accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior, and by taking my first step in baptism.
2. Making Jesus famous by attending Crossroads services regularly.
3. Becoming more like Jesus through being a part of a group that is encouraging me to take my next step.
4. Knowing all people matter to God, so they matter to me, and I will show this through using my time and talent to serve others.
5. Be generous with the treasure God has given me, through blessing others both locally and globally.
6. Be honest about where I am in life, knowing that it is ok to not be ok, while pursuing unity with my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.
7. And building faith in the home that God has blessed me with.



ACTION STEP MAKE CROSSROADS YOUR HOME

- ▶ Recognize God has placed you here for this season by becoming a member.



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