

CrossWalk notes

Connect:

Connect to Your Community

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My community= People in my sphere of _____ who are far from _____ yet share a common interest with me.

This is _____ and _____ (as a church family).

¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15, NIV

Christ's love for me and the world gives me a new _____.
I can't help but _____ to myself and _____ for him.

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:16-17, NIV

I am a new creation in Christ. I now see my community as Christ sees it: Precious, eternal _____ whom he died for.

¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19, NIV

²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21, NIV

I have true _____ and _____ with God because of Christ alone!

He offers reconciliation and peace to _____ through Christ.

He decided to get this message out to the world through _____.

²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:20, NIV

Amazing! I am Christ's _____ to my community!

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16, NIV

⁵ Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. Colossians 4:5-6, NIV

I get to use the same tools Christ used to reach sinners:
_____ and _____ full of grace.

MEMORY VERSE

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2 Corinthians 5:21, NIV

My next step: 1) I'll help my growth group plan an Impact Project
2) I'll consider taking CE4 3) I'll consider my next step in being Christ's ambassador to my community.

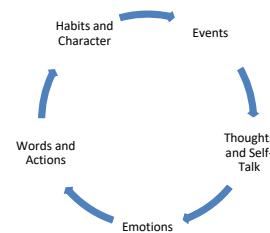
Impact Groups

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Getting Started: Share one positive thing Jesus is doing in your life right now.

Going back to Sunday

What truth from Sunday's message was most impactful for you? How has the truth made a difference in your thinking, your emotions, or your words and actions this past week?



Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-17

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

What's an example of a "worldly" way to view someone in my community?

What's the Christ-like way to view someone in my community?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

Explain how God has reconciled you to himself through Christ (See 2 Corinthians 5:21 for help).

Why do you think God has charged us (as opposed to perfect beings like angels) with getting this message out to others?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:20

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

We are Christ's ambassadors to our community. What does an ambassador do? How does an ambassador act? Use Matthew 5:16 and Colossians 4:5-6 to help you form your thoughts.

Do you think CrossWalk Church is seen as a good community partner in Laveen and Midtown? Why or why not?

My Next Step

Who is one person I know who is far from God in my community? What's going on in their life?

What's one thing I'm willing to do in the next month to be Christ's ambassador to this person?

Doing Life Together

People are longing for connection in your community right now. For your Impact Project, consider inviting some of your neighbors to a small gathering for food and connection.

Prayer

Pray together as a group for about 10 minutes. Many groups do this in a circle format, allowing each person in the circle to pray or pass as they wish until all have had a chance to pray.

Reminders

CWLK Kids will be re-opening for Kindergarten through 5th grade at 9am on October 11th. Spread the word to your family and friends with kids!

Fall Outreach at CrossWalk: Check the Church Center App

- October: Costume & Trunk contest via social media (more details to come)
- October 17: St. Mary's Emergency Food Box Packing
- November: Feed a Family (more details to come)