

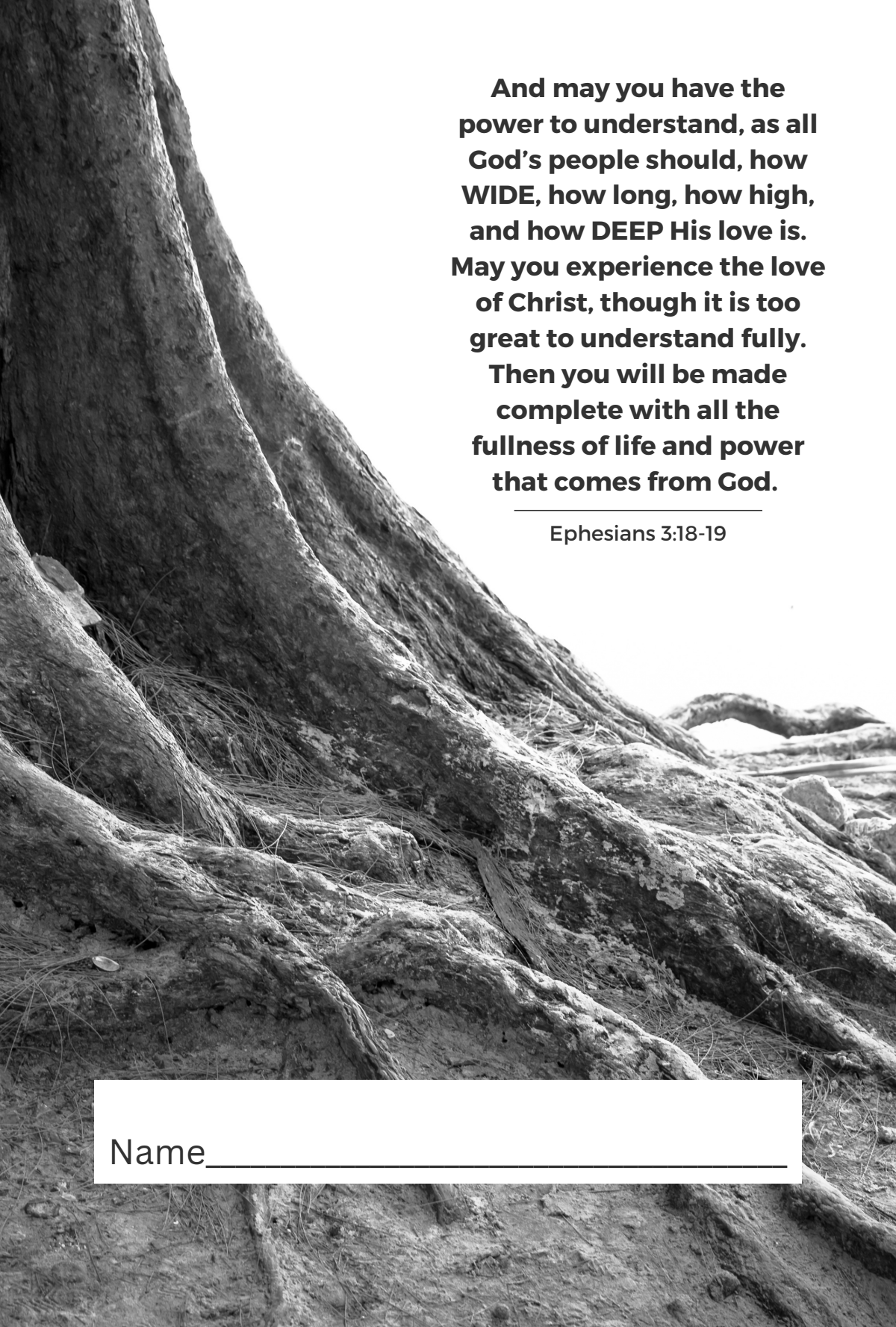


DEEP & WIDE

Guidebook



CROSSPOINTE CHURCH



And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how WIDE, how long, how high, and how DEEP His love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

Ephesians 3:18-19

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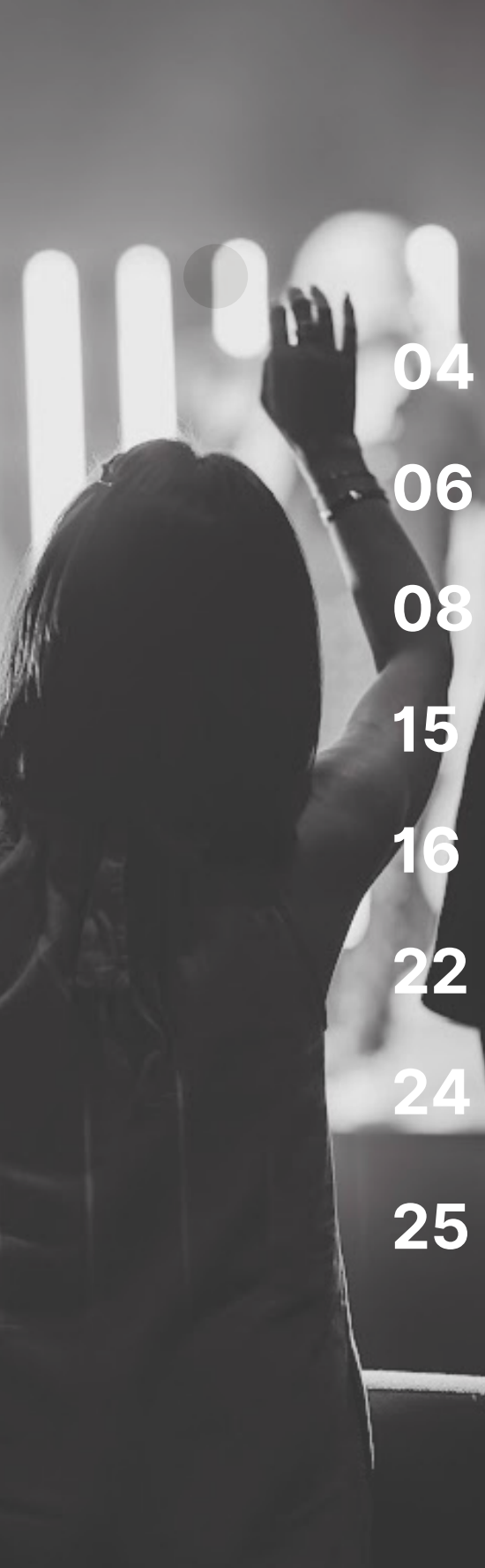


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Our **Deep & Wide** Vision

Deep & Wide is a discipleship initiative calling the people of Crosspointe Church to grow **Deeper in our Impact** and **Wider in our Reach**. Jesus compels us to do many things, and at the foundation of those things is surrender, faith, and generosity. Just as Christ surrendered and poured out His generosity for us on the cross, we seek to RESPOND in surrender, faith, and generosity back to Him.

Dear Friends,

We believe God is calling you to be part of something significant. Something that will take you out of your safe zone and into the faith zone. God is on the move, and we are in a defining season at Crosspointe Church. In my 17 years here at our church, I've never seen the type of spiritual growth we are experiencing right now. The gospel compels us to do many things, and at the foundation of those things is **surrender, faith, and generosity**. Just as Christ surrendered and poured out His generosity for us on the cross, we seek to RESPOND in generosity back to Him.

As God continues to bring opportunities for growth to us as a church, He also brings opportunities for growth to us as individuals. For the Moore family, this is a time of stretching and growing for us, in response to the extravagant generosity of God. We must remember the foundation on which our lives are built: Jesus Christ, the cornerstone, and He is, and always will be, greater than anything in our lives.

In these pages, you will get a glimpse of what we are challenging each and every person at Crosspointe Church to do during this next season, in hopes that what we do in these two years will influence us, our local community, and our world for years and decades to come.

My challenge for you is to consider what it means to fully engage in surrender, faith, and generosity during this season. This might mean that you need to sacrifice time, comfortable relationships, resources, certainty, and all things that would be defined as "life as usual" in order to make investments in the things that will outlast you for eternity.

We are praying that 100% of us at Crosspointe Church would choose to make a DEEP AND WIDE commitment and engage in surrendered, faith-filled generosity for the future of God's mission through Crosspointe Church. We seek for God to transform us more into His image in this process, and we cannot wait to see what He will do!

Will you join us on this journey? We invite you to come with us and climb these ministry mountains together. Let's take our faith DEEP AND WIDE like never before.

Yours on the journey,

Brian & Shannon Moore



Health & Growth

The impact of a church is not measured by numbers alone, but metrics are one valuable gauge of effectiveness (and the Bible tracks the original church's numeric growth). Every number represents a person and every person matters to God.

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Baptisms
2007-2023

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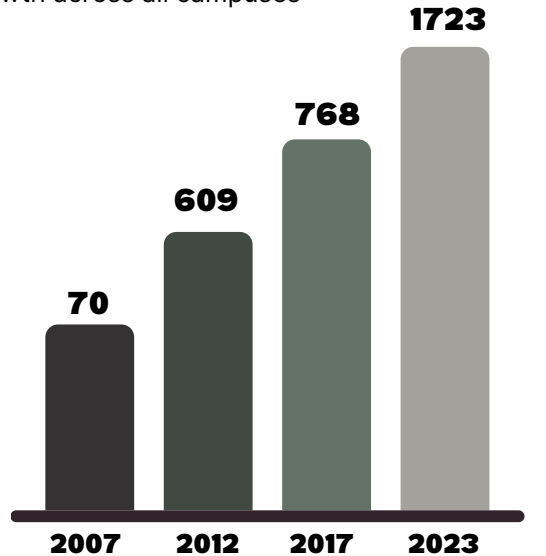
Adults in
Growth Groups

338

Serving on a
Dream Team

Church Growth

Sunday attendance growth across all campuses



*numbers indicate in-person and online attendance



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Crosspointe's
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Kidpointe

Kidpointe has deeply impacted Kelly Lorenzon and her daughter, Porter. Kelly and Porter attended Crosspointe 6 years ago when Porter was three years old before they had to move away to San Diego. Four years later, in July of 2022, they moved back to Orange County and did not know anybody. Porter was struggling to make new friends because of her social anxiety. She was attached to her mom, and she would rarely go anywhere without her. Kelly had a relationship with Jesus, and she knew that church may be a way to help her daughter overcome some of her struggles and make some friends. They decided to go back to Crosspointe Church.

The first Sunday they came back, Porter did not want to go to Kidpointe. She was crying a lot. She kept telling her mom she didn't want to go to class. Porter finally agreed to check out the class as long as she could choose when she participated. She stayed close to the volunteers for the start of the service, and she eventually

started participating in the activities during small groups. As the class ended, Porter had a huge smile on her face. She told her mom, "They made me feel welcome and safe. I made friends and those friends love God."

Kelly and Porter have regularly attended Crosspointe since that day. Each week Porter has a little less anxiety going to class. She no longer has any anxiety about attending Kidpointe. She goes into class with a big smile and an eagerness to learn more about God. Kelly also got plugged in and started attending ReGen. Together, they are growing in their relationship with Jesus. Kelly and Porter got baptized in January 2023, and Porter has invited all of her friends at school to Crosspointe. She tells them about the Bible stories and the amazing leaders at Kidpointe. Kelly and Porter call Crosspointe their home. Sundays are their favorite day of the week!

"They made me feel welcome and safe. I made friends and those friends love God."



Reaching Local High Schools

We are seeing God move in the next generation at Crosspointe Church. In 2022, we set out with 12 high school students to start a Crosspointe Youth Club at Yorba Linda High School with the goal of helping students find and follow Jesus in their local high school. We are committed to the words of Jesus in Matthew 28:19, which says, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

We wanted to make disciples, and over this last school year, our Crosspointe Youth Club quickly became the largest club on campus, creating community, fun, and a safe space to talk about Jesus in a public high school. We want to encourage and root for the next generation, just as Paul wrote in 1 Timothy 4:12, "Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity."

One of our favorite stories is of a high school student who had been attending our club at Yorba Linda High School. She had never been to Crosspointe Church before but brought her entire family to our Easter services in 2023, where she decided to get baptized and go public with her faith! Go God!

We believe God has even bigger plans. We are planning to launch several more clubs this next school year, and our God-sized goal is to launch a Crosspointe Youth Club at every high school in North Orange County with a commitment to helping students find and follow Jesus. We believe in what God is doing through our clubs and are committed to helping high school students go God's way over the world's way.

ReGeneration



Crosspointe has seen countless lives changed through the ministry of ReGeneration.

Chains of addiction have been broken and new lives have begun. One example is the story of Arren Mendoza and his now-wife, Mirian.

Mirian walked the initial path of ReGeneration at Crosspointe as a single woman, having already been part of another recovery program. Arren had been in the same recovery program but had not been part of ReGeneration.

They reconnected after a memorial service for a mutual friend. Mirian invited Arren to come to ReGeneration at Crosspointe and he accepted the invitation.

As he started into Groundwork (the first stage

in the ReGeneration process), Arren and Mirian began dating and eventually became engaged to be married.

That's when they decided to attend the Crosspointe premarital group, Merge, to prepare for marriage.

Upon completing that group, Arren, now married to Mirian, jumped back into ReGeneration and has been attending faithfully. He has worked through his questions, doubts, and faith concerns, which led to his baptism at the beach this summer.

Arren experienced the chains of addiction, past hurt, and regret all being left at the bottom of Pirates' Cove as he was raised out of the water as a new creation in Christ Jesus.

The Deep & Wide vision for ReGeneration is to expand to the Brea and Ventura campuses, as well as Recovery Road.

Local & Global Compassion

Impacting our Neighborhood & the World

Two of Crosspointe's core values are Unconditional Love and Extravagant Generosity. Both of those values are demonstrated when we reach beyond our walls to help meet the spiritual and physical needs of others. We are determined to have a **DEEP IMPACT** and **WIDE REACH** in our community and around the world.

Our church's history has clearly demonstrated that intentionally making room to impact more people **ON our campuses** results in the opportunity to impact more people way **BEYOND our campuses!**



Local Partners

Crosspointe partners with local "all-stars" in the community. This means we partner with ministries that are already established, coming alongside to help fill in the gaps of services needed by mobilizing people and resources.

Our goal is to empower kids to thrive and bring hope to individuals and families through various causes.

Local Partners

LOT 318

Recovery Road

Project Understanding

Olive Crest

Global Partners

Crosspointe continues to partner with Manna Worldwide, a global ministry that feeds thousands of children around the world. Manna's mission is to rescue children from the grip of poverty.

Crosspointe is directly involved in serving three specific locations of feeding centers and orphanages in Mexico, Guatemala, and the Philippines. Crosspointe sends groups on mission trips on a regular basis to all three locations.

We desire to continue to take two trips a year to continue our partnership with Manna. These trips are great ways to see Crosspointers have the opportunity to serve children worldwide and grow in their faith journey.

A Community of Hope

Crosspointe is seeing people of all ages across all campuses come to faith in Christ and begin their spiritual growth journey.

Recently a young man named Logan came through the doors of Crosspointe Church in Anaheim. Logan is an active-duty serviceman in the Army, who after being stationed in the desert, is now at the base in Los Alamitos, CA.

Logan began his spiritual journey by seeking out the Army Chaplain and attending chapel services while stationed in the desert. This was very helpful in pointing him toward Jesus. He had grown up in Yorba Linda, and now that he was back closer to home, he began to look for a church home. He decided to attend Crosspointe on the recommendation of a friend.

After his first visit, he took the "Stick 6" challenge, committing to come back the following five weeks. After attending Crosspointe for the second time, he knew this was the church for him, and he didn't just want to attend church, he wanted to find a place where he could begin serving God and find a community to call his spiritual home. During his second visit, he found the team leader of the Refreshment Center and asked how he might join the team. He then did his test drive the next Sunday and is now a faithful member of the Refreshment Team.

Logan desired to take the next step in his faith journey and decided to get baptized during the beach baptisms this summer. He wants to serve God and grow in his faith and plans to join a Growth Group to continue his journey.

Andrew and Kaneshia are a young couple who first visited Crosspointe Brea after being invited by some friends.

As an engaged couple with a wedding scheduled in December, they were searching for ways to build a solid foundation for their future life together. They asked Pastor Rick if he would officiate their wedding and they met up with him and his wife Alyson to share their story and discuss wedding details.

As they unpacked their story and faith journey, Andrew and Kaneshia shared that they both desired to deepen their relationship with Jesus and each other.

After attending Crosspointe for just a couple of months, they chose to get baptized at our beach baptism in July, began serving in Kidpointe, and even took the giving challenge following our teaching series on stewardship!

Andrew and Kaneshia are passionately pursuing Jesus and look forward to continuing on mission together as they see God move in their lives. They are excited to see God working in their relationship, their finances, and through their service!



in Southern California

Vito and his grandmother, Lee, first visited Crosspointe Brea in early 2023. Vito was passionate about sharing the Gospel and reaching people in the margins, but he also struggled with his own demons.

Vito and Pastor Rick developed a friendship and walked through some challenging moments as Vito desired to be clean of his drug addiction and have clarity of mind and heart to serve God.

Despite some significant victories and amazing support from family, friends, and some members of Crosspointe Brea, Vito lost his battle with addiction in late June 2023.

Vito's passing weighed heavily on the Crosspointe Brea community, but within the week God was already beginning to give a glimpse of the redemption story He was writing. Vito's grandma, Lee, was so impacted by Vito's testimony and the love she felt at Crosspointe Brea that she made the decision to trust Jesus the following Sunday.

Jesus truly moved this story from death to life and brought hope and light to what seemed like a very dark story.



Jennifer and Brandon McBrayer, devoted members of Crosspointe Ventura, have encountered their fair share of hardships. Even in the midst of these challenges, they selflessly dedicated themselves to serving our community. Jennifer discovered her calling in Kidpointe, and soon thereafter, Brandon joined our Protection Team.

Their steadfast commitment to God's work did not go unnoticed. Their family began attending our church, and Jennifer's brother joined the Protection Team alongside Brandon.

As time passed, the transformative power of their faith became evident when Jennifer's brother accepted Jesus as his savior and decided to get baptized.

The McBrayer family is a testament to God's tireless work in the lives of His believers.



Crosspointe Ventura accomplished something truly remarkable for the first time in years - sending six teenagers to the life-changing environment at Houseboats.

One incredible story unfolded in the life of Hunter Krause. Hunter had battled through unimaginable hardships in recent times. However, a few months prior to Houseboats, he made the life-changing decision to dedicate his life to Jesus and embraced baptism. His journey taught him that such decisions do not erase the struggles we face, but rather equip us for the journey ahead.

As Hunter returned from Houseboats, he carried with him a renewed and profound relationship with Jesus. He fell head over heels in love with his Savior. Driven by an unyielding passion, Hunter began bringing his friends to our church, igniting a fire that has enveloped our Crosspointe Youth community. Witnessing this extraordinary growth, we can say with conviction that God is faithful.



Bringing Hope & Healing to Guatemala

Children's Village

Manna's Children's Village was opened in 2020 during the pandemic. The property is a beautiful, 2.5-acre garden with a micro coffee plantation. This home is much different than most of the orphanages in Guatemala; most are government-owned and can have hundreds of kids living in the orphanage. The Children's Village is the only privately owned boys' home for boys 13-18 years old in all of Guatemala.

Currently, there are five boys that live in the home, which functions as a home versus an orphanage. Coming from many different areas and situations, most of the boys have experienced neglect, abuse, or have been abandoned by their parents. At the Children's Village, the boys live in the home with the house parents and learn how to live life in a family. They are shown love by the staff and house parents. They also start to recognize the love of Christ, as this is a Christian home. The boys attend school and are taught many life skills, such as cooking, cleaning, and laundry.

"A's" story: His dad told him they were going to go shopping for the day, but what his dad had planned was to drop him off at or near the court system - abandoned. "A" came to the boys' home that night with only the clothes on his back. He was very confused as to why he was there, and he was broken and traumatized. Since "A" has been in the home at the Children's Village, he has received the love and care of a family, helping him to begin his healing journey. He has also learned the trades of gardening, coffee farming, and coffee roasting, giving him skills he can use to live independently in the future. "A" says of his experience, "This is not an orphanage - **this is a home.**"

Women's Bakery

At the Women's Bakery, women are learning a trade and skills to help them sell baked goods in their own communities or gain skills to be hired in a bakery in town after they complete their four-month course. Most importantly, each week they learn about Jesus and how to walk in a relationship with Him during the Bible study where the women have time together in community, fellowship, and prayer.

One of the first recipes created by the bakery ministry was Peanut Butter Protein Balls. The idea was born after Mari, one of the bakery ministry teachers, shared a difficult story about her youngest son Dominic.

Mari and her husband, David, lived in a small Mayan village with their three young children, caring for a chicken farm for the property owner.

They had minimal income and resources to provide food and water to their young family. Dominic, less than two years old at the time, became gravely ill having limited food and drinking unclean water. He was malnourished and had little life left in his small body when Mari and David took him to the main hospital to get help. The staff there handed Mari papers to release her son to them. She did not sign the papers, as she could never give her son up, and left that hospital crying out to God for help.

Mari and David were led to the San Lucas feeding center, where the pastor's wife helped Dominic get well with medication and helped him gain weight by feeding him peanut butter.

The Lord's protection and guidance led them according to His plan. The family is now healthy, living in San Lucas, and they are thriving in their walk with Him! Dominic's story is the inspiration behind why we now give high-protein peanut butter balls out to children in Manna feeding centers each week!

God is at work in these women, and they are now using their own skills and resources to reach out to other women and children in their community in Christ's name through home visits, selfless giving, and the backpack project.





Your Spiritually Significant Moments

As a tree grows taller and taller, its roots are at work pushing through clay and soil to establish the foundation that can grow healthy and bear fruit over a lifetime. If these roots fail to push through and grow, the tree will lose its ability to be healthy, will stop growing and eventually wither.

As you think about your own spiritual growth, recall the moments when you seemingly pushed through an obstacle or moved in a new direction that helped you grow and mature in Christ. God brings us through these moments to establish our roots and grow us deeper into Him so that we may bear fruit for our lifetime. It's wise for us to take time to reflect on what He has done so that we may remember and praise Him for the significant moments He has worked in our lives.

In the space below, write out your spiritually significant moments in your time at Crosspointe Church. This may include trusting in Christ and getting baptized, serving, joining a growth group, giving for the first time, stepping into a leadership role, or going on a mission trip.

PRIMARY GOAL

DEEP & WIDE:

The Primary Goal is 100% Engagement

We challenge every Crosspointer to go before God and have a deep and wide encounter with Him as it relates to their surrender, faith, and generosity.



SECONDARY GOAL

DEEP & WIDE:

The Secondary Goal is \$10 Million

Deep Impact - \$7 million

We will not hold back in our day-in, day-out ministry. This investment over the next two years represents the ongoing strengthening of our general budget - the lifeblood, the core of what Crosspointe Church is all about.

Wide Reach - \$3 million

With courageous faith, we take risks to reach people far from God. This will enable us to use **\$500,000** for campus improvements at all campuses.

Because the needs in our neighborhood and around the world are great, over the next two years we will show unconditional love and extravagant generosity by using **\$2.5 million** for gospel work, missions, community partnerships, and church planting.

Deep Impact

\$7 million

Crosspointe Church is responsible for the discipleship of approximately 2,500 people at three campuses, as well as hundreds watching online.

We plan to make a deep impact in every area of ministry we currently have to help more people find and follow Jesus. We need to strengthen and resource what we're already doing so that it can scale with the growth we are experiencing. Amazing things happen and lives change through ministries like Kidpointe, Crosspointe Youth (CY), growth groups, ReGen, and weekend services, all of which are the backbone of who we are as a church.



Wide Reach

\$3 million

25% of our overall Deep & Wide goal will go directly to gospel work, missions, community partnerships, and church planting in Orange County, North America, and around the world.

We plan to widen our mission efforts for local and global compassion causes. Our top priorities for this \$3 million include:

- **\$500,000** for campus improvements, including Brea and Ventura Kidpointe makeovers, broadcast upgrades, and painting the exterior of the Ventura campus.
- **\$2.5 million** will go directly to gospel work, missions, community partnerships, and church planting in Orange County, North America, and around the world. We will do this by starting more CY clubs on high school campuses, launching ReGen at Brea and Ventura, financially supporting Recovery Road to help feed 40,000 people in Orange County, partnering with Olive Crest to help prevent child abuse and neglect, building an orphanage in the Philippines, launching Crosspointe University, and beginning a fourth Crosspointe campus in the Orange County area.



Next Steps

We are asking you to go on a spiritual journey with God and your family and to take the biggest step of generosity you've ever taken as we move together to accomplish God's task for us to go **Deep & Wide**.

Pray Persistently

Pray that God would multiply our efforts to go Deep and Wide and make much of Jesus. Pray that He would do abundantly more than we ask, think, or imagine for His great name.

Commit Fully

Help us reach our goal of 100% engagement in this life-changing experience. Stand side-by-side with your church family and commit to doing whatever God asks before He asks. Put your "Yes!" on the table.

Celebrate Loudly

Own the Deep & Wide vision and become a cheerleader for it within your spheres of influence. Engage in the Deep & Wide study with your growth group. Make plans now to attend the Sunday services from October 8th through November 12th.

Give Generously

Ask God to show you what a sacrificial gift looks like during this season and take whatever bold steps are required to see it through. Make plans to join us on Friday, November 3rd for Advance Commitment Night.



One Fund

Rolling our giving into one

It's possible you've been part of church campaigns in the past where you were asked to give a second gift "above and beyond" your regular giving. We've found that "over and above" giving is potentially confusing to people who don't have a baseline for their "normal giving." It also has the potential to diminish the significance of the ongoing generous giving of so many people at each of the Crosspointe campuses.

Deep & Wide is a one-fund initiative lasting two years. Every gift given to Crosspointe during this two-year period will go toward Deep & Wide and help us courageously pursue Jesus and His mission through **surrender, faith, and generosity.**

We've included a sample commitment card so you can see how a "one-fund" initiative works. Please take the time to pray over this card and begin to work through it; but don't worry, you will get a brand new one on **Commitment Sunday, November 12th.**

Sample Commitment Card


\$

What I/we would normally give in a year
(regular giving, Faith, Hope, & Love Christmas offering,
missions, etc.)

+\$

My/Our expanded annual generosity as
part of the Deep & Wide initiative

= \$

X 2 years 

\$

Gifts from my/our stored resources
(stock, property, possessions, etc.)

+ \$

My/Our total 2-year Deep & Wide Commitment

\$

December 2023 - December 2025

Name

Address

Email

Phone

Campus

Giving Chart

As you pray and discern how God would ask you to give during this time, use this gift chart as a discipleship tool - let it be something that inspires and challenges you towards greater generosity for Christ's Kingdom as we seek to have a **deeper impact** and **wider reach** for Him.

GIFTS NEEDED	TWO YEAR GIFT LEVEL	ANNUAL GIFT	MONTHLY GIFT	GIFT LEVEL TOTAL
1	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$41,667	\$1,000,000
2	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$20,833	\$1,000,000
3	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$10,417	\$750,000
4	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$6,250	\$600,000
7	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$700,000
8	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$3,125	\$600,000
10	\$65,000	\$32,500	\$2,708	\$650,000
15	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$750,000
20	\$35,000	\$17,500	\$1,458	\$700,000
30	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$750,000
40	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$625	\$600,000
55	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$550,000
70	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$313	\$525,000
90	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$450,000
MANY	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$104	\$375,000
TOTAL GIFT GOAL				\$10,000,000

Key Dates

Sunday, October 8th

Deep & Wide Message Series Begins

Friday, November 3rd

Advance Commitment Night

Sunday, November 12th

Commitment Sunday



Deep & Wide Message Notes
and
Growth Group Study

GROWTH GROUP GUIDE

Week 1 - Deep & Wide Discipleship

Opening Discussion Questions:

1. Describe a time God called you to do something that seemed crazy or impossible for you to do.
2. As God began to work through you to do the impossible, what did you find the most surprising?
3. How did this experience prepare you for the next time God calls you to do something impossible?

Further Discussion from Scripture:

Read the following Scripture passages about discipleship aloud in your group. Then take a few minutes to individually journal your answers to the following questions before discussing them together.

Acts 9:20-27 (NLT)

And immediately he began preaching about Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is indeed the Son of God!" All who heard him were amazed. "Isn't this the same man who caused such devastation among Jesus' followers in Jerusalem?" they asked. "And didn't he come here to arrest them and take them in chains to the leading priests?" Saul's preaching became more and more powerful, and the Jews in Damascus couldn't refute his proofs that Jesus was indeed the Messiah.

After a while some of the Jews plotted together to kill him. They were watching for him day and night at the city gate so they could murder him, but Saul was told about their plot. So during the night, some of the other believers lowered him in a large basket through an opening in the city wall.

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to meet with the believers, but they were all afraid of him. They did not believe he had truly become a believer!

Then Barnabas brought him to the apostles and told them how Saul had seen the Lord on the way to Damascus and how the Lord had spoken to Saul. He also told them that Saul had preached boldly in the name of Jesus in Damascus.

1. In what ways do we sometimes resist God's call when it leads us into difficult situations?

2. Share any personal examples of when you faced a challenging call from God. How did you navigate it?

3. How can we discern whether a difficult path is God's calling or simply a challenging circumstance?

Colossians 1:3-14

We always pray for you, and we give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God's people, which come from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News. This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace.

You learned about the Good News from Epaphras, our beloved co-worker. He is Christ's faithful servant, and he is helping us on your behalf. He has told us about the love for others that the Holy Spirit has given you.

So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of His will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better. We also pray that you will be strengthened with all His glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to His people, who live in the light. For He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of His dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

1. We believe that God wants us to go deeper and wider in discipleship with Him and He is calling us to take our relationship with Him to a new level. What would it mean for your generosity if you had a full view in mind of what it looks like to truly follow God as Paul did? What would giving generously in light of that actually mean?

2. Do you feel that you have already “arrived” in the area of generosity, or do you still have room to grow?

3. What do you hope your story of generosity looks like during this Deep & Wide season? What’s your next step toward going deeper and wider in your living and giving?

Week 2 // Deep & Wide Priorities

Message Notes // October 15, 2023

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GROWTH GROUP GUIDE

Week 2 - Deep & Wide Priorities

Opening Discussion Questions:

1. Who is the most committed person you know? To what are they committed?
2. What does commitment mean to you? To what are you committed?
3. When has commitment cost you or caused you to rearrange your priorities?

Further Discussion from Scripture:

Read the following Scripture passages about priorities aloud in your group. Then take a few minutes to individually journal your answers to the following questions before discussing them together.

2 Corinthians 11:24-28 (NLT)

Five different times the Jewish leaders gave me thirty-nine lashes. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea. I have traveled on many long journeys. I have faced danger from rivers and from robbers. I have faced danger from my own people, the Jews, as well as from the Gentiles. I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and on the seas. And I have faced danger from men who claim to be believers but are not. I have worked hard and long, enduring many sleepless nights. I have been hungry and thirsty and have often gone without food. I have shivered in the cold, without enough clothing to keep me warm. Then, besides all this, I have the daily burden of my concern for all the churches.

1. What do you think about the sacrifices and challenges that the Apostle Paul endured for his commitment to spreading the Gospel?

2. Paul's commitment to Christ came with significant costs. Are there areas in our lives where we're hesitant to fully commit because of the potential sacrifices involved? How can we overcome these hesitations?

3. Take a moment to reflect on your own life. What are your top priorities? How does your commitment to your faith and the mission of Christ fit into these priorities?

4. What practical steps can we take to better align our priorities with our commitment to Christ and the Gospel?

2 Corinthians 9:10-15 (NLT)

For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, He will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.

So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God. As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the overflowing grace God has given to you. Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words!

Paul impresses upon the early church at Corinth - and upon us as the Church of today - the importance of giving in such a way that we believe God will “increase our resources” and will “produce a great harvest of generosity in you” (verse 10). Focus on verse 11: “You will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous.” Why does God give resources to us? So we can have more money for ourselves? So we can feel more secure? So we can impress others and feel significant? NO! It’s so we can be generous on every occasion!

1. Let’s ask ourselves a convicting question: If you were God, would you give you more money?

2. We often say, “Well, if I had more resources, then I would give more.” But here’s the thing: If you cannot be trusted with little, why do you think God would trust you with much?

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Week 3 - Deep & Wide Trust

Opening Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it difficult to trust people? Why do we have so many trust issues?
2. Describe a time when you trusted someone and it turned out positively. What does it take in order for true trust to be present?

Further Discussion from Scripture:

Read the following Scripture passage about trust aloud in your group. Then take a few minutes to individually journal your answers to the following questions before discussing them together.

Ephesians 3:17-19 (NLT)

Then Christ will make His home in your hearts as you trust in Him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

1. Can you think of a time in your life or in someone else's life when God revealed His love in a way that was deeper or wider than you imagined it could be?

2. What are some promises given through God's Word that you are still waiting for and trusting Him to keep? What is God teaching you in this season?

3. How might your roots be growing down into His love so that you can be strengthened?

4. As you think about this Deep & Wide journey, specifically the commitment God is asking you to make, what fears are preventing you from trusting in God fully?

5. How can the group pray for you?

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Week 4 - Deep & Wide Surrender

Opening Discussion Questions:

1. What have you sacrificed in your life? What did that mean for you?
How did it change you?
2. What would be very difficult for you to give up - something that if you were asked to sacrifice, you're not sure you could?
3. Have you ever been changed by a sacrifice you made?

Further Discussion from Scripture:

Read the following Scripture passages about surrender aloud in your group. Then take a few minutes to individually journal your answers to the following questions before discussing them together.

Philippians 3:7-9 (NLT)

I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith.

1. Reflect on Paul's words in Philippians 3:7-9. What do you think he means by considering everything as loss for the sake of Christ? How does this relate to surrender in our own lives?

2. Paul mentions that he considers his previous gains as garbage compared to knowing Christ. What are some things in your life that you may need to "consider as loss" in order to grow in your relationship with Christ?

3. Think about a specific area in your life where you struggle to surrender control to God. What steps can you take to release that area and trust in His plan?

4. Discuss the idea of gaining Christ. What does it mean to gain Christ in your life? How can you actively seek to know Him more deeply?

JESUS GAVE IT ALL FOR THE JOY SET BEFORE HIM

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NLT)

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. Because of the joy awaiting Him, He endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now He is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. Think of all the hostility He endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.

1. Jesus gave His life for us because of the joy set before Him in heaven. When you think about your response to that type of sacrifice and Jesus' call upon our lives to run the race, how does that influence how you are thinking about your Deep & Wide commitment and the impact it might have?

2. Surrendering your life to Jesus is about actually following Him, following His example, and living as He did. If someone who didn't know you looked at your financial commitments, what would they say you are surrendered to? Would that statement be true about you?

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Week 5 - Deep & Wide Faith

Opening Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever been the only person who believed something when no one else did?
2. Would you consider yourself most naturally to be a person of belief or of cynicism?
3. Name one hope or prayer you have for Crosspointe as we embark on this two-year Deep & Wide journey. Write these down as a group as we prepare to make our commitments.

Further Discussion from Scripture:

Read the following Scripture passages about faith aloud in your group. Then take a few minutes to individually journal your answers to the following questions before discussing them together.

2 Timothy 4:6-8 (NLT)

As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

1. In this passage, Paul expresses confidence in his faith journey, even in the face of imminent death. What do you think contributed to Paul's unwavering faith at this critical moment in his life?

2. Paul emphasizes that he has "fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith." What do you think it means to "keep the faith"? How can we ensure that our faith remains strong and unwavering throughout our lives?

3. How can we draw inspiration from Paul's example and words to strengthen our own faith? Are there specific challenges or circumstances in your life where you need to "keep the faith" like Paul?

4. In what ways can we set spiritual goals and strive to "finish the race" well in our own lives? What steps can we take to ensure that our faith remains strong until the end?

COURAGEOUS FAITH ALLOWS GOD TO DO IMMEASURABLY MORE THAN WE COULD ASK OR IMAGINE

Ephesians 3:14-19

*When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit. Then Christ will make His home in your hearts as you trust in Him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, **how wide**, how long, how high, and **how deep** His love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.*

Allow this passage to be a final encouragement and inspiration as we seek to surrender to Him and His Deep & Wide path for us and to honor Him with our Deep & Wide commitments. All He is asking is that we boldly trust Him with courageous faith. He has provided promises to us, but He is now asking us to respond. Will we? Will we honor Him with all that we have and all that we are? Will our commitment be something that causes us to say we are standing before Him with confidence, knowing that we have made a decision that causes us to rely only on Him? His power will be at work within us, so long as we commit our lives to boldly trust in Him. This is the Deep & Wide journey.

EXERCISE TO DO AT HOME PRIOR TO COMMITMENT SUNDAY

1. List the financial commitments you currently have - those that go beyond a one-time payment, but that have a time duration to them. Examples would be a home mortgage, a lease agreement, a car loan, a cellphone contract, your child's tuition for school, your own tuition for school, etc.

2. Now list the commitment you are planning to make for the Deep & Wide initiative. Where does it fall in the priority of these other commitments? Do you need to change or modify one or more of these other commitments to be able to fulfill your Deep & Wide commitment? What would that require? Is there a financial commitment you currently have that appears to be prioritized above your ability to make a sacrificial commitment to help people find and follow Jesus?

3. If someone who didn't know you looked at your financial commitments, what would they say you value?

4. "Choose this day whom you will serve" (Joshua 24:5). Choose to make your giving to God the type of priority you want it to be. What will that mean for your Deep & Wide commitment?

5. If you keep this commitment over the next two years, what spiritual change might occur in you?

6. How will you leverage this change to influence others, such as your children, co-workers, friends, family, and others in your circles of influence?

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Week 6 - Deep & Wide Commitment

Opening Discussion Questions:

1. How would you define “legacy”?
2. Share one moment that stood out to you from Commitment Sunday.

Further Discussion from Scripture:

Read the following Scripture passages aloud in your group. Then take a few minutes to individually journal your answers to the following questions before discussing them together.

Hebrews 11:1, 8-16 (NLT)

Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith—for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. And so did Isaac and Jacob, who inherited the same promise. Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.

It was by faith that even Sarah was able to have a child, though she was barren and was too old. She believed that God would keep His promise. And so a whole nation came from this one man who was as good as dead—a nation with so many people that, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore, there is no way to count them.

All these people died still believing what God had promised them. They did not receive what was promised, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed it. They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth. Obviously, people who say such things are looking forward to a country they can call their own. If they had longed for the country they came from, they could have gone back. But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

Leaving a legacy of faithfulness does not come quickly or easily. Faith never does. Growth is messy and comes in spurts. The same Christ-follower who professed Jesus as the Messiah was soon thereafter told, "Out of my sight, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me" (Matthew 16:23). The one who denied Jesus three times was later asked three times to profess his love for the Lord (John 21:15-17). This disciple who returned to fishing (John 21:3) after long ago leaving his nets (Matthew 4:20) stood up on the Day of Pentecost to proclaim to his audience, "You, with the help of wicked men put him [Jesus] to death by nailing him to the cross" (Acts 2:23), knowing full well that the death Jesus had suffered might also await him there outside Jerusalem on account of his bold proclamation of the truth.

The list could go on. You get the idea. The question is not so much, "Do you want to be great?" No, the real question is, "Will you be faithful?" At a time when so many people are hurting and lost, how will your generosity create a legacy for them?

1. How has your life changed because of faith in God?

2. How did faith play a part in your decisions on Commitment Sunday?

3. Who comes to mind when you think of someone who has been restored and has left a legacy?

4. What legacy will the decisions you make today leave on our community for a better tomorrow?

5. As we conclude Week 6 of our Deep and Wide series, what is one thing that impacted you during this study that you will take with you during these two years of the Deep and Wide journey?

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