

## Community Group Questions:

1. What was one truth or principle that stood out to you most in last Thursday's message?
  
2. We learned that Manasseh was raised in a godly environment, but he walked away from it. This raises a number of questions in our minds, such as...
  - A. Why do some people who grow up in a Christian environment eventually turn their backs on the Lord?
  - B. If a child who grows up in a Christian home does not follow the Lord, does that automatically mean the parents were a failure?
  - C. What are your thoughts of the following quote – "The Lord has to pour out just as much grace to save a child from a believing family as He does to save one from a worldlier environment! We parents need to embrace this humbling (yet liberating) truth: We are not in control of our children's destiny. We are powerless to create faith in our children's heart. While we can encourage our children to hunger for Wisdom's Feast, we cannot make that choice for them. Only the sovereign Lord can change our children's hearts." (E. Fitzpatrick & J. Newheiser
  
3. Based on Ecclesiastes 8:11, why do some people indulge in evil?
  
  
4. What were some factors that demonstrated Manasseh's faith was genuine?

Welcome to



*To glorify Christ by being and making disciples*

Join others to pray in room 102 Thursdays at 6:00pm

## Announcements

- ✓ This week in E4:12: How to think about gender
- ✓ Registration for the Fall retreat is open now! Go sign up at one of the computers in the back. Again, the dates are October 22-23.
- ✓ Women's clothing swap is on Saturday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am. Come get your friend's clothes you always wanted :)
- ✓ Get ready for this Fall's BEAST FEAST!! All CrossLife men are invited to come to the Activity Center at 12:30 after 2<sup>nd</sup> service on October 3<sup>rd</sup> (This Sunday!) for food, fellowship, and teaching. Plan to bring a side dish as well!

## Message Outline

### **Manasseh: An Unlikely Conversion**

*2 Chronicles 33:1-16*

#### **Five Reasons it looked like Manasseh was beyond any shadow of hope...**

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ a godly heritage (vv. 1-3)
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ true worship for a lie (vv. 4-5)
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ horrific acts of sin (vv. 6-7)
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ other to do evil (v. 9)
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ the word of the Lord (v. 10)

But...Manasseh was transformed by the grace of God (vv. 11-16)

#### **What are some lessons we can learn from this story?**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of sin are extremely painful.
2. The key to change involves \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The Lord can \_\_\_\_\_ the most unlikely people.