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THE CHURCH THAT I SEE

The church that I see is so life-giving and full of the Holy Spirit, that people are drawn from every direction, every walk of life, every race, ethnicity and generation in order to encounter the Presence of God. The church that I see is a colorful, vibrant representation of heaven!

I see a church where God's Presence isn't associated with a building, or a location — but with His *people*, who carry His Presence everywhere they go. His Presence is their identity and their reputation. Love, compassion, grace, healing and freedom are in their hands and they are known for being radically generous with what they've been given.

I see a church that is growing so fast, our building struggles to contain the increase. I see a church that breaks through its walls and expands outward from what we've known. Larger facilities. More facilities. Campuses along the I95 corridor from Richmond to Fairfax and beyond.

I see a church whose worship unites heaven and earth. Passionate, unhindered worship that touches the Father's heart and draws people closer to Him. I see fresh and new songs being birthed here...songs that break chains, heal the sick and bring the dead back to life. I see people all over the world singing these songs in every tongue for the glory of God.

I see a church who invests into and nurtures every living generation. I see the seasoned and mature teaching the young and the growing. I see spiritual mothers and fathers raising up spiritual sons and daughters. I see a church who is like a green house, planting, nurturing and developing world-changers at every age.

I see a church with world-class ministry and leadership training for both the young and the old alike. A school that not only provides a quality education but equips and empowers the younger generation to make a difference *now*, and not just someday.

The church that I see always pioneering and moving forward and forcefully advancing God's Kingdom here on earth. The church that I see is Crossroads Church!

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BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

BIG IDEA

God's generosity to us is intended to bring joy and blessing to us as we give it away for others. We are blessed to serve, strengthen and share.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- Matthew 25:29
- Acts 20:35
- Genesis 12:1-3 (ESV)
- Galatians 3:14
- Ephesians 2:10
- Galatians 5:14-15
- I Thessalonians 5:13
- Philippians 2:3-5
- James 1:22

TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- When have you had fun giving something away for the benefit of someone else?
- What do you have that you could share with others?
- Where are you serving on the weekend or during the week? What do you love about it?

APPLICATION IDEAS

- After listing all the blessings God has given you (ability, time, place you live, wealth, spiritual gifts) make a note of how you will share each with someone else and when.
- Sign up to meet with a kingdom living coach if you want help understanding how to give.
- Register for the next Get on Track so you can learn ways to serve. Remember, you may be ready to lead a connect group. Talk to your leader about that possibility.

PRAYER FOCUS

At Crossroads, we pray believing God hears and answers us. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- As a group, list every person you plan to invite to At the Movies then ask God to move their heart to say yes to the invitation when you give it.

LEADER TIPS

- Add extra seats to your group circle each week of At the Movies for the ones being invited by your group.
- Pay special attention to your word choices in discussion for the next five weeks. If you have unchurched and unsaved people there, church language can be confusing. Reword terms that aren't used in everyday language for the sake of clear communication.