

## YOUTH CONNECT GROUP

Leader's Guide 11.4.18

### Announcements

1. **Crossroads 48<sup>th</sup> Birthday:** This past Sunday, we celebrated all God has done over the last 48 years at Crossroads!
2. **Sunday Services:** Encourage your group to attend Sunday youth services together! If they can't make it, remind them to watch the message online through our YouTube channel.
3. **Last Two Weeks:** These are the last two weeks of the fall connect group season! Do everything you can to attend and make connect group a priority! Also, this would be a great time to plan an outing for your group.
4. **Feedback Forms:** Please have you and your students fill out the feedback forms online at [crossroadschristian.org/cgfeedback](http://crossroadschristian.org/cgfeedback)

**BOTTOM LINE:** Celebrate lost people coming to know Jesus through Crossroads!

#### (CARD 1) ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

AROUND THE ROOM: When is it okay to start listening to Christmas music and put up decorations? November 1? Day after thanksgiving? What's your tradition?

*Have someone pray to begin your group time.*

#### (CARD 2) HISTORICAL/GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

AROUND THE ROOM: What was your best birthday? What made it so special?

A FEW OF YOU: How does your family celebrate a momentous occasion?

AROUND THE ROOM: What has been your favorite memory at Crossroads?

#### BIBLICAL:

**Leader:** On Sunday, we celebrated Crossroads' 48<sup>th</sup> birthday! For 48 years, God has been doing amazing things through our church! Now more than ever, our mission is to "connect people to God and one another!"

(CARD 3) AROUND THE ROOM: What did you take away from Sunday's message?

A FEW OF YOU: What is the mission of our church? (Reaching lost people for Jesus!)

(CARD 4) A FEW OF YOU: What part do you play in fulfilling the mission of our church?

A FEW OF YOU: What is the theme of Luke 15? (The lost being found.)

AROUND THE ROOM: How do you relate to the prodigal son in the story?

(CARD 5) AROUND THE ROOM: What happens when we are like the older brother, judging sinners as they come back to God?

A FEW OF YOU: Why is it sometimes difficult to accept a sinner repenting and giving their life to Jesus? (They're too far gone, they've committed worse sins than my own, holding on to our own grudges, etc.)

Someone: Read Luke 15:20-24

AROUND THE ROOM: How does the father celebrate the return of his son? (kissed him, brought the best robe, put a ring on his finger, sandals on his feet, prepared a feast, had a party)

(CARD 6) Someone: Read Luke 15:4-7

A FEW OF YOU: What is heavens response to a sinner repenting? What should ours be?

A FEW OF YOU: Why does each sheep/person matter to the shepherd/God?

**(CARD 7) APPLICATION:**

A FEW OF YOU: How can you get more involved and fulfill the mission at Crossroads?

AROUND THE ROOM: How can you help celebrate with people who come to Jesus?

A FEW OF YOU: What can you do to lead more people to Jesus?

**(CARD 8) PRAYER:**

(Make sure to take prayer requests before closing.)

-Pray that you will remain faithful to God's mission for your life!

-Pray that God would continue to use our church to do incredible things!

**SERMON NOTES:**

48<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

1. Don't take your inheritance before it's time.
2. Following your own path leads to destruction.
3. You won't change until you acknowledge your need to change.
4. The Father hasn't moved.
5. The Father is always ready to celebrate a sinner coming home.
6. Real Grace frustrates the religious elite.
7. God is the only one who can raise the dead.

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## HISTORICAL

-What was your best birthday? What made it so special?  
-How does your family celebrate a momentous occasion?  
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## SERMON RECAP

-What did you take away from Sunday's message?  
-What is the mission of our church? (Reaching lost people for Jesus!)

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## BIBLICAL

-What part do you play in fulfilling the mission of our church?  
-What is the theme of Luke 15? (The lost being found.)  
-How do you relate to the prodigal son in the story?

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### BIBLICAL (Cont.)

- What happens when we are like the older brother, judging sinners as they come back to God?
- Why is it sometimes difficult to accept a sinner repenting and giving their life to Jesus?
- Read Luke 15:20-24
- How does the father celebrate the return of his son?

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### BIBLICAL (Cont.)

- Read Luke 15:4-7
- What is heavens response to a sinner repenting? What should ours be?
- Why does each sheep/person matter to the shepherd/God?

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### APPLICATION

- How can you get more involved and fulfill the mission at Crossroads?
- How can you help celebrate with people who come to Jesus?
- What can you do to lead more people to Jesus?

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### PRAYER

- Pray that you will remain faithful to God's mission for your life!
- Pray that God would continue to use our church to do incredible things!

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