

THE WAY OF PEACE | WEEK #05

How did the Church become a Den of Thieves? | February 5th

Week 01: A Jesus-centered life is a peace-centered life.

Rule #1 Daily choose to follow Jesus: walk the narrow path of loving mercy, doing justice and living sacrificially

Rule #2 Daily listen to wisdom: work hard for knowledge then use it to rewrite the *Five Unacceptable Truths*

Rule #3 Practice mindfulness: be fully present with God in every moment

WHAT'S THE ISSUE ANYWAY?

When built on human love and not _____ love, the church gathering becomes self-centered and will inflict every _____ it is meant to heal.

WHAT WISDOM DOES I THESSALONIANS 4:14-21 OFFER US REGARDING DIVINE LOVE IN COMMUNITY?

Divine Love _____ our weakness and wounds. (14)

Divine Love creates a _____ space. (15)

Divine Love offers _____ in all circumstances. (16-18)

Divine Love _____ our unjust actions and our distortions of God. (19-21)

Divine Love shapes us for _____ works. (22)

THE WAY OF PEACE COMMITMENT FOUR

_____ Together: Weekly join with others to learn, celebrate and experience divine love.

HOW CAN I LIVE THIS IN MY EVERYDAY, NORMAL LIFE?

Prioritize a weekly gathering with others to _____ as a peacemaker.

Join the peacemaking movement and become a _____ of Crossroads Church.

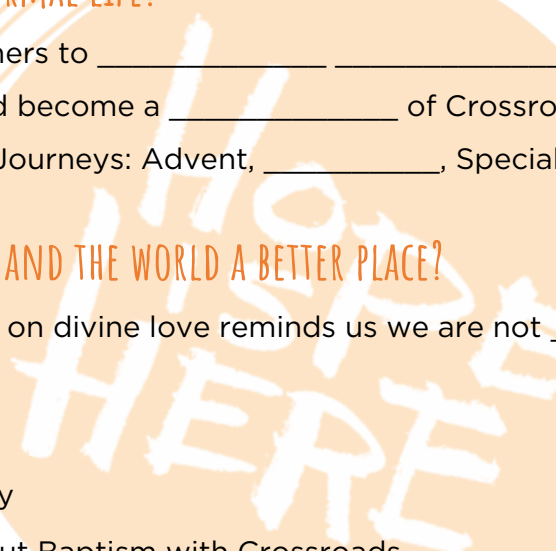
Participate in Church-Wide Spiritual Journeys: Advent, _____, Special Focuses.

HOW DOES THIS MAKE ME A BETTER PERSON AND THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE?

Christian community that is centered on divine love reminds us we are not _____.

WHAT IS GOD INVITING YOU INTO TODAY?

1. Sign me up for the Lenten Journey
2. I would like more information about Baptism with Crossroads
3. I would like information about Membership with Crossroads
4. Send me the link for the "Find Your Fit" information



THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTIONS:

1. Have you ever personally had a difficult experience with church and decided to stop attending? Do you know anyone who has decided to stop attending church? What circumstances played a role in these decisions?
2. Which of the five marks of divine love in a Christian community mean the most to you in your journey right now?
3. If you are gathering weekly with other people following the peacemaking path of Jesus, why? What is important to you about that gathering? If not, what, if anything, would you want to see in a weekly gathering that would make it worth your while?
4. What would make a weekly gathering relevant and impactful to you in this season of your life?
5. Why is it important to not feel alone?

