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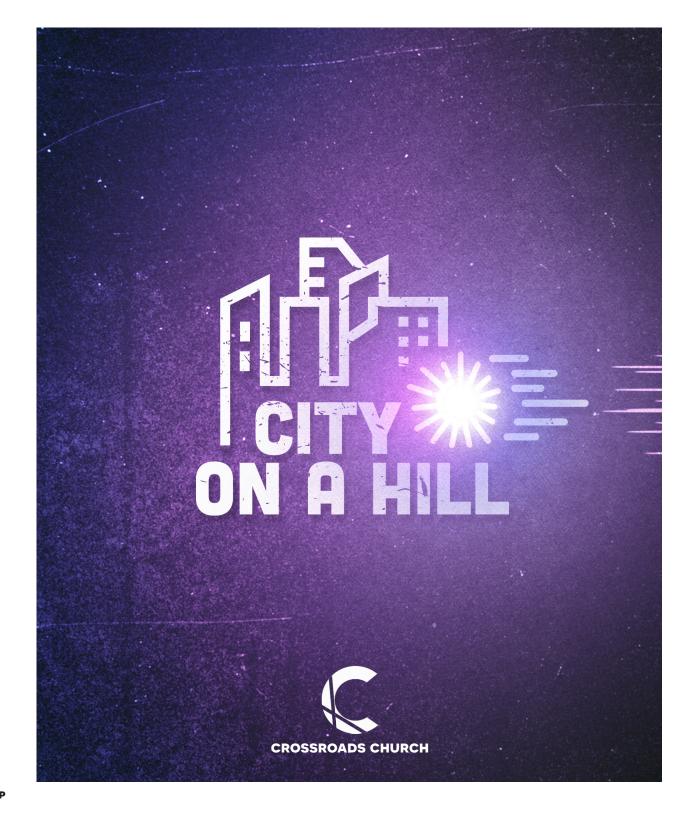


# NEXT STEPS

Whether you are new or have been at Crossroads since the beginning, you can get more information about our church or talk with a Pastor at Next Steps. We would love to connect with you today and help you take the Next Step in your spiritual journey.

# NEW HERE

If this is your first time with us, Welcome! We have a gift for you. Just take the info card from the seatback in front of you, fill it out and drop it off at the New Here kiosk in the Lobby. We will also donate one dollar to one of our local mission partners in your honor just for being with us today.





**DAVE VANCE - LEAD PASTOR** 

4. Display effectual

**FEBRUARY 21, 2021** 

City on a Hill: Committed to Glory
1 Peter 4:1-11

How to bring glory to God?

1. Live with a sense of \_\_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

2. Align \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

3. Have a clear \_\_\_\_\_\_

The very existence of the church has a much higher purpose than any of us realize. In the church, we who search, strive, and fight for our own glory are together being restored to our Divine purpose to showcase God's glory to the world. We are called to live in such a way that when people think of us, of the church, they don't praise us, they glorify our Savior. This means that our urgency, our passions, our love, and our service, should point a searching world to the God of glory. ~ Pastor Dave

5. Use every to God's purpose for God's people



For personal study, family study, or community group discussion

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### Open:

Have you ever observed or experienced something that you would consider "glorious"? Share your story. Why would you describe this as "glorious"?

#### Read:

1 Peter 4:1-11; Psalm 8; John 17; Ephesians 3; 1 Corinthians 1, 10

#### Discuss:

- 1. Glory is a very hard thing to define. How would you define the term "glory"? What makes God so glorious? Describe how glory is the perfect harmony of all of God's attributes (love, mercy, grace, etc...)? How does God's creation, including you, serve as a reflection of God's glory? How did Jesus perfectly reflect the glory of His Father?
- 2. In what ways do we attempt to make ourselves the centerpiece of glory? Can you give a few examples from your own life where you made glory about you? What types of things can hinder us from radiating God's glory to the world?
- 3. What role does pursuing excellence play in displaying God's glory to the world? In what ways are you pursuing excellence at home, work, school, church and in your relationships? Describe how God's glory is being reflected through your pursuits for excellence? In what ways do we easily fall into mediocrity? How important is mindset to the way we see God's glory in our pursuits (1 Peter 4:7)? How does the right mindset affect our prayers?
- 4. What is the meaning of the phrase "love covers a multitude of sin" (1 Peter 4:8)? Clearly this doesn't mean we hide sin or sweep sin under a rug. Can you give some examples of what this looks like among Christians? What does it mean to love one another earnestly? How can we demonstrate this kind of love to others? How does this type of love draw people to God's glory?
- 5. How can you use your spiritual gifts to minister to people in your family, in your small group, in your church, or in your community? What holds people back from serving the body of Christ? Would you consider most churchgoers to be consumers or contributors? Why? How would you describe yourself?
- 6. 1 Corinthians 10:31 says "whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." What does this look like to live out in every area of your life? How does living this way showcase God's glory to the world?

#### Pray:

Pray that you would have a clearer view of God's glory at work in every detail of your life. Ask God to reveal to your passions that have the potential to pull you away from fully living for God's glory. Pray that our church would be a beautiful reflection of God's glory throughout the region.

#### Memorize/Meditate:

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31