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The Crossing Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a place where people are transformed in their relationship with God and others.

²² Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people. Luke 2:52 (NLT2)

The Crossing Mission Statement

Together we will
Share God's love
Grow more like Christ and
Teach and Serve others

Share God's Love

⁷ Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. ⁸ But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. ¹⁰ This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. ¹² No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us. ¹³ And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us. ¹⁴ Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ All who confess that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. ¹⁶ We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. ¹⁷ And as we live in God, our love grows more

perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.

1 John 4:7-17 (NLT2)

- You can't share God without sharing _____ because God is love.
- We share God's love best when His love is flowing through our _____ and _____.

Grow More Like Christ

²¹ Through Christ you have come to trust in God. And you have placed your faith and hope in God because he raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory. ²² You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart. ²³ For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God.... ^{2:1} So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. ² Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, ³ now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness. 1 Peter 1:21-23; 2:1-3 (NLT2)

- We grow as we get rid of all _____ that isn't reflected in Jesus life.
- Our heart should long for the _____ experience of salvation.

My Next Step Is To ...

- Memorize and/or meditate on Luke 2:52
- Identify those God has placed in my life so that I can share his love with them and then do it.
- Cry out to God for His nourishment so that I will grow into the full experience of salvation.
- Invite Jesus into my life, receiving Him as my Savior and Lord.