



Opening Prayer

Thank God for being present. Ask him to let his truth shine through. Ask him to humble us so we can learn from him.

Getting To Know Each Other

What was your favourite household chore growing up? Do you still enjoy it? Why or why not?

Points to Ponder

Cross of Life is a congregation that has quite a few structured programs. This is neither objectively good nor bad. What are some possible advantages and pitfalls of a ministry built on programs? (no complaining ☺)

Read back on Romans 12:6-8. Name someone else in your circle who exemplifies one of the gifts Paul lists.

Why do we like to compartmentalize Christianity in our lives rather than be a “living sacrifice?”

How can we use the gospel, not the law, to encourage more people to engage with ministry at Cross of Life?

Evaluate: *“Chasing the latest fad for spiritual growth, church growth, and cultural impact, we eventually forget both how to reach the lost and how to keep the reached. ... And to say that the apostolic method of church growth – in breadth as well as depth – is preaching, teaching, baptism, the Lord’s Supper, and accountability to elders is likely to provoke the response: ‘Are you serious?’”* (Michael Horton, *Ordinary*)

Next Steps

- I will seek out a new way to use my gifts (talk to Pastor).
- I will seek to bring someone else along on a task I already do.
- I will pray for God to bless those who use their gifts outside church functions.