

**OUR SUBVERSIVE VOWS...**

*We at The Crossing are called to be a subversive community in the way of Jesus.*



| <i>Vow</i> | <i>Belief</i>   | <i>Promise</i>   | <i>Subversion</i>   | <i>Practices</i>   |
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| ALLEGIANCE | We recognize the God revealed in Jesus as the true and loving Lord over all. (John 1:1; Matt 6:33)  | We will worship Jesus alone and pursue His Kingdom first.  | Instead of idolizing the suburban gods of self-fulfillment and the American Dream...                              | We will set aside time to worship personally & corporately, and also worship with every facet of our lives in loving obedience to God. (Exo 20:8; Deut 6:4-5; Rom 12:1)  |
| COMMUNITY  | We believe our Creator has created us to live and grow in community. (1 Cor 12-13)  | We will commit ourselves to each other, journeying as the body of Christ and multi-generational, multi-cultural family of God. | In contrast with the individualistic, non-committal, self-styled ways of our generation...                        | We will love each other as God loves us, practicing hospitality, encouragement, meeting each other's needs, forgiveness, reconciliation, and loving confrontation of sin when necessary. (John 13:34-35; Eph 4:15) |
| DEPTH      | We believe that God's peace and change overflow from within. (Rom 12:2; John 15:4-5)  | We will seek inner centeredness and transformation in Christ.  | Amid the soul-drying, life-sucking pattern of scattered busyness that is characteristic of suburban life...       | We will seek to bring all things into an inner submission before Jesus through prayer, study of the Word of God, silence, solitude, Sabbath, fasting, giving, etc. (Phil 4:6-9)                                    |
| REPURPOSE  | We believe our power, privilege, skills, education & wealth are good gifts from our good Heavenly Father, to be received & used with gratitude (Jas 1:17).<br>We believe these gifts have redemptive purpose beyond ourselves, for our community & world. (Matt 25:14-40) | We will repurpose these gifts for the sake of the Kingdom, the body of Christ, and the poor & disenfranchised.                 | Instead of using these things to simply build our own kingdoms...   | We will bring the Kingdom of God by serving others with our basic and professional skills, living contently & simply, and giving generously to each other and those in need. (Col 3:23; 1 Tim 6:17-18)             |
| PRESENCE   | We believe that the Holy Spirit is present through us in our relationships, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, marketplaces & social networks. (John 14:16; 16:7-15)   | We will seek to be a redemptive presence wherever we are, especially in our personal & local communities.                      | Instead of hiding in our suburban fortresses, seeking to escape, ignoring God at work, or writing off our city... | We will intentionally unveil God's presence by being peacemakers, Good Samaritans, good listeners, and witness-bearers. (Matt 5:13-16; Acts 1:8)   |