

RELATIONSHIP WITH A WORLD

THAT NEEDS TO KNOW CHRIST

MEETING

8

step **1**

START GROUP WITH PRAYER

step **2**

FOLLOW UP

Evaluate how you did on last meeting's risk. If you need a reminder of what risk you pledged to take, turn back to page 48.

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step 3

INVESTIGATING CROSSROADS

This step is to be completed before Meeting 8 by the individual.

Our strategy at The Heights is to come together to do 3 things—Worship, Bible Fellowship, and R3—so that we can all go out and do 1 thing—live on mission 24/7. Most of us aren't living on mission all the time. We need a place to begin. This led us to develop something we call Crossroads. Your Crossroad answers the question, "Where will I start to live on mission?" You will have determined a Crossroad by the end of this meeting. They are listed below.

 WHERE I LIVE

 WHERE I WORK

 MY KIDS WORLD

 PARK CENTRAL

 UTD/INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

 JUSTICE WORKS

Eventually, the goal is that we would all live on mission everywhere our feet land. But we need to get started somewhere. So, the first step is to identify a place where we can effectively live on mission. Your Crossroad, as you will see in this exercise, is much more than just another place to serve. To determine it, you will need to assess how God has wired and gifted you. In the following pages, you will look at your God-given passions, the people in your life, and the places you already go.

PASSIONS

Your passions are the things that get you up in the morning. They are the things that give us a sense of purpose and keep us striving to achieve more and more. They don't necessarily have to be spiritual, but they do need to find their root in the gospel. For instance, my wife is passionate about being a 4th grade teacher. Even though the job can be hard, she is faithful to do it well because Christ has given her a love for those kids. She earnestly desires justice for them, wants them to escape broken homes, and wants them to find stability and healing in a relationship with Jesus Christ. To identify your passions, we are going to look at two things: the perspective you have received from past pain as well as your big dreams.

First, you will assess the perspective you have received from pain. Jennie Allen, in her book *Restless*, writes "We often long to give the world what we failed to receive growing up." For instance, when I was young my parents got divorced. Though by God's grace my parents did get back together, this experience gave me a desire to not only build a strong marriage, but to help others do the same. In the table on the next page, fill out previous pains, what hurt about those experiences, and the perspective God gave you.

PAST PAINS	WHAT HURT?	PERSPECTIVE
My parents got divorced	My family broke apart I missed my dad a lot. I felt like it was my fault. I am thirsty	Strong marriages are possible in Christ

Second, let's assess your Big Dreams. Your big dreams are the things that you would be doing if nothing hindered you. What are your life's biggest ambitions and dreams? This is not referring to the things of this world like fame and luxury, but rather, it is the pursuits you see as absolutely worthwhile and satisfying. Some examples include teaching people about the Word of God, training women to find their identity and beauty from God rather than from comparison, giving homes to the homeless, raising godly children, or bringing the gospel to a particular people group. To help uncover your Big Dreams, answer the following questions.

1. *If time, money, and education were not an issue, what would you be doing right now?*

2. *For every Big Dream there is a Big But. Your Big But is what keeps you thinking these Big Dreams could ever become a reality in your life. Usually they are the first things that pop into your mind. "I could do this...BUT". What are your Big Buts?*

God is not small! There is nothing too hard for Him to accomplish. Moses and David were shepherds when God called them. Get rid of your Big But's! Realize that God wants to use you, no matter what is in your past. Don't count yourself out and ask God to make those dreams a reality. Big Dreams must start with Big Prayers.

PEOPLE

You can learn a lot about yourself from the people in your life. In this section you, will list the people in your life that need you, as well as the people in your life that you need. By looking at the people who need you, your gifting and how God uses you becomes apparent. By looking at the people you need, you uncover your weaknesses or areas where you are lacking. These will help you determine how you best minister. Try not to make everyone on your list a family member. For instance, "I need my pastor in my life because I can't unpack the Scriptures with such depth myself." In the tables below, record who these people are and why they need you or you need them.

PEOPLE WHO NEED ME	WHY THEY NEED ME

PEOPLE WHO I NEED	WHY I NEED THEM

PLACES

The places you go frequently/regularly don't necessarily dictate where your Crossroads will be, but they can be a great starting point if you are unsure. Since you are already there, this is a natural place to minister. In the space below, write out the places that you frequently go.

NOW COMPILE ALL THE INFORMATION ONTO THE NEXT PAGE!

Include your spiritual gifts which you determined last meeting (page 44).

PASSIONS

PERSPECTIVE FROM PAIN

BIG DREAMS



SPIRITUAL GIFTS

PLACES

THOSE I NEED

THOSE WHO NEED ME

PEOPLE

step 4

DETERMINING YOUR CROSSROADS

Your Crossroads lie at the intersection of your Passions, People, Places, and Gifts. When you serve in a capacity that best utilizes your hard-wiring, you are more naturally going to serve and love people the way Christ did. The Crossroads at The Heights are listed below with a brief description. Do the following as an R3 Group:

1. Share your findings with one another.
2. Discuss any observations you have for one another under the “Putting it All Together”. Did anything stick out? Did you notice any trends or connections that shed light to how you best minister?
3. Circle one of the Crossroads below that best fits for you. It is okay to have more than one Crossroad. If you are wanting more information regarding a Crossroad, click on the link in the online form mentioned below.

THE CROSSROADS

-  **WHERE I LIVE** *initiating with those that live closest to you.*
-  **WHERE I WORK** *reaching out to those you interact with on a regular basis in your work environment.*
-  **MY KIDS WORLD** *cultivating relationships with those involved in your children’s extracurriculars.*
-  **PARK CENTRAL** *engaging with the families that live and work in the area south of the Heights, that is largely first generation, Hispanic-Americans.*
-  **UTD/INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS** *stepping out to serve the foreign student who is new to the United States.*
-  **JUSTICE WORKS** *giving a voice to those who are marginalized in our community.*

MOVING FORWARD



Now that you have identified your Crossroad(s), the Missions Team wants to support you as you seek to live on mission. *But they need to know which Crossroad(s) you have selected* so they can best resource you. To notify them, you need to fill out a simple online form. Each individual needs to fill out this form *before you end this meeting*. You can access this form in two ways.

- 1) Go to **Meeting 8’s Online Material** in the R3 website and click on the button “Identify Your Crossroad(s)”.
- 2) Scan the **QR Code** to the left.

Through filling out this form, you will be:

- **EQUIPPED** to live on mission.
- **CONNECTED** to your Crossroad Community.
- Given **OPPORTUNITIES** to build relationships for the sake of the gospel in your chosen Crossroad(s).

step **5**

RISK TIME

Put your discussion into practice. Record what risk you want to take as well as how and when you intend to do it.

Pray for or serve someone in your Crossroad(s).



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step **6**

END GROUP WITH PRAYER

NEXT MEETING OBJECTIVES

You have nothing else to complete before next meeting besides your risk.