Crossings Film Series: Lori Cornell

Crossings Film Series: David Zahl

Crossings Film Series: Steven Kuhl

Crossings Film Series: Kathryn Kleinhans

Dr. Kleinhans talks about how the Crossings conference focuses on taking the Gospel and "crossing" it into our daily lives. She shares her excitement about the synergy among voices and theological perspectives. For her, meeting people at the conference feels like discovering family you never knew you had. She finds it a re-energizing opportunity to hear the Gospel spoken in powerful new ways, while also reinforcing and expanding the community. Dr. Kleinhans believes the Crossings conference is a place not only to hear the eternal Good News, but ALSO to hear how it is Good News for people to make use of today.

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Crossings Film Series: Sherman Lee

Sherman Lee is an adult convert to Christianity. He quickly became involved in youth ministry, but after three years, he was feeling some burnout. Sherman took a step back from youth ministry and started taking Crossings classes with Ed Shroeder. He describes those classes as his "confirmation experience."

Sherman strongly feels that seeing and living life through the Crossing lens or method helps him to respond with respect and love. He knows that he would not be as patient or kind without it. He now is better equipped to deal with adversity and absorb it, because his own angst is absorbed in the love of Jesus. Crossings shows how God's love covers doubt. You can read more about the history of Crossings HERE.

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Crossings Film Series: Candice Wassell

Candice Wassell is a pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in O'Fallon, IL, just outside of St. Louis, MO. She loves to play golf and loves that it is the perfect embodiment of what the law is. In golf, we have to do everything perfectly to hit a good shot, just like this world and culture pushes us to believe that everything depends on us.

Everything is not up to us and Crossings helps show others that as well as challenging people to see where their conviction is. Love is so important. We are loved in spite of our brokenness.

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Crossings Film Series: Ed Schroeder

Ed Schroeder is one of the founders of the Crossings organization. He believes that a cross actually has three parts

to it; the vertical part, horizontal part and the point where they intersect or cross. That is one of Crossings goals, crossing the world with the word of God.

Ed likes to compare the Bible to a hospital chart. A chart shows a patient's illnesses and what therapies or medicines the patient needs. A Bible points out someone's God problems and proposes what therapy or healing is needed to heal the problem.

Jesus removed the need of do-gooderism. Jesus gives you the freedom from all the do-gooder pressure, but you have the freedom to do the best you can without fear of consequences. You can read more about the history of Crossings <u>HERE</u>.

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Crossings Film Series: Cathy Lessmann

Cathy Lessmann became involved in Crossings 30 years ago after hearing Ed Schroeder speak about the cross. It has become a way of life for her and she interprets everything through the Crossings lens. Crossings helps and allows her to be honest with herself because she knows the solution already.

When she became involved with Crossings, Cathy was dealing with anxiety in trying very hard to be a good, perfect person. She realized that she was letting others' impressions of her control her. She was trying to save herself and was not trusting Jesus. Now that she has accepted the sweet swap Jesus made for her, she calls herself a recovering good person.

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Crossings Film Series: Marty Lessmann

Marty Lessman and his family live in Colorado where he enjoys the mountains, fly fishing, biking, backpacking and being "in awe of God's beauty." He believes that God is a God of freedom, grace, and love, and not a narcissistic God. Christ crucified offers the gift of forgiveness and Marty has been given the opportunity to forgive others in response to this gift.

Crossings for Marty is a tool to interpret the scriptures. It is a tool to know WHO is in charge, WHO is capable of providing forgiveness, and WHO is capable of changing your script.

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