

High School Classes at Crosstown

The Crosstown Student Movement believes the high school years represent a transformative season in the life of a teenager. These are years for students to develop greater boldness in their faith, respond to challenges from peers and adults, prepare for post-high school life, make significant choices that will shape the rest of their lives, and explore what it means to be a follower of Christ today. Below is a short description of Crosstown’s Sunday morning and Wednesday night Bible classes for high school. If you’d like to know what your child is currently studying in Bible Class, please contact Justin Taylor.

Sunday Morning Bible Class:

On Sunday mornings, our high school Bible class follows a four-year plan:

- Year 1—Groundwork
- Year 2—Character & Convictions
- Year 3—Giving, Serving & Leading
- Year 4—Lasting Commitment

Each year of this four-year strategy connects to topics and themes covered in previous years.

In Year 1 we discuss important subjects such as the purpose of life, our identity in Christ, family life, habits, sex, living like Jesus, sharing our faith, and how to pray. In Year 2 we build on this foundation by discussing how to live with purpose, Jesus’ parables, integrity, dealing with pain and struggles, what shapes who we are, our view of the world, other religions, and healthy relationships. In Year 3 we continue to challenge our students by exploring topics such as having a well-rounded faith, being a leader, tough questions, growing spiritually, being in community with one another, character traits of God, and bearing good fruit in our lives for God. In Year 4 we focus on how to live out God’s purposes, Jesus’ miracles, why we believe, what healthy dating looks like, having a lifelong faith, end times, loving God and His people, and life after high school. We believe the topics discussed in our Sunday morning Bible class will help your child through high school and beyond. A full list of the topics, subtopics, and scriptures covered in our Sunday morning Bible class can be found inside this brochure.

Wednesday Nights:

On Wednesday nights, we begin class with 15 minutes of worship, singing praises to God, before beginning our lesson. Sometimes middle school and high school meet together, sometimes middle school and high school are separate, and sometimes we separate the boys and the girls. Our lessons usually focus on current topics that can help students deal with everyday issues. In the past we have discussed how to deal with drugs, Internet, bullying, and phone apps. We have also done a series of lessons that challenged our students to become the authentic, real person God created them to be. Our Wednesday night courses are prayerfully determined by the needs of the group as they deal with the different seasons of young adult life; therefore, our general plan during the course of the year is flexible. If you as a parent have a suggestion about a topic we should focus on, please contact a Student Leader or Justin Taylor.

YEAR 4: Lasting Commitment

LIVING OUT GOD'S PURPOSES

- Reach—Your Role in Sharing the Gospel* (Luke 1:26-35)
- Connect—Your Support in Community* (Luke 1:36-45, 56)
- Grow—Your Commitment to Spiritual Maturity* (Luke 1:46-55)
- Discover—Your Shape for Serving* (Luke 1:38)
- Honor—Your Response is Your Worship* (Luke 1:26-55)

MIRACLES OF JESUS

- Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man* (Mark 2:1-12)
- Jesus Calms the Sea* (Mark 4:35-41)
- Heals a Man of Demons* (Mark 5:1-20)
- Jesus Feeds a Crowd—for the Second Time* (Mark 8:1-10)

WHY WE BELIEVE

- The Power of a Changed Life* (John 9:1-34)
- We Have a Sense of Right and Wrong* (Romans 2:12-16)
- We See the Bible's Promises Fulfilled* (Isaiah 53)

HEALTHY DATING

- Pursue True Love* (1 Corinthians 13)
- Be Ready to Learn* (Proverbs 18:22)
- Don't Rush the Process* (2 Timothy 2:22)

RAHAB, RUTH, AND ESTHER

- Rahab—Faith in Action* (Joshua 2:1-21; 6:17, 22-25)
- Ruth—Hope Runs in the Family* (Ruth 1:1-18)
- Esther—A Royal Appointment* (Esther 4:1-17)

LIFELONG FAITH

- Growing Closer to God* (Hebrews 5:11-14)
- Growing Closer to Other Christians* (Hebrews 10:24-25)
- Growing as a Giver* (Matthew 6:19-24)

JAMES

- Persevere in Your Faith* (James 1:1-18)
- Display Your Faith* (James 2:14-26)
- Watch Your Words* (James 3:1-12)
- Control Your Selfishness* (James 4:1-17)
- Stay on Track* (James 5:1-20)

END TIMES

- Understanding Biblical Hope* (Matthew 24:1-51)
- Let Your Understanding Shape Your Life* (2 Thessalonians 2:15)

LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS

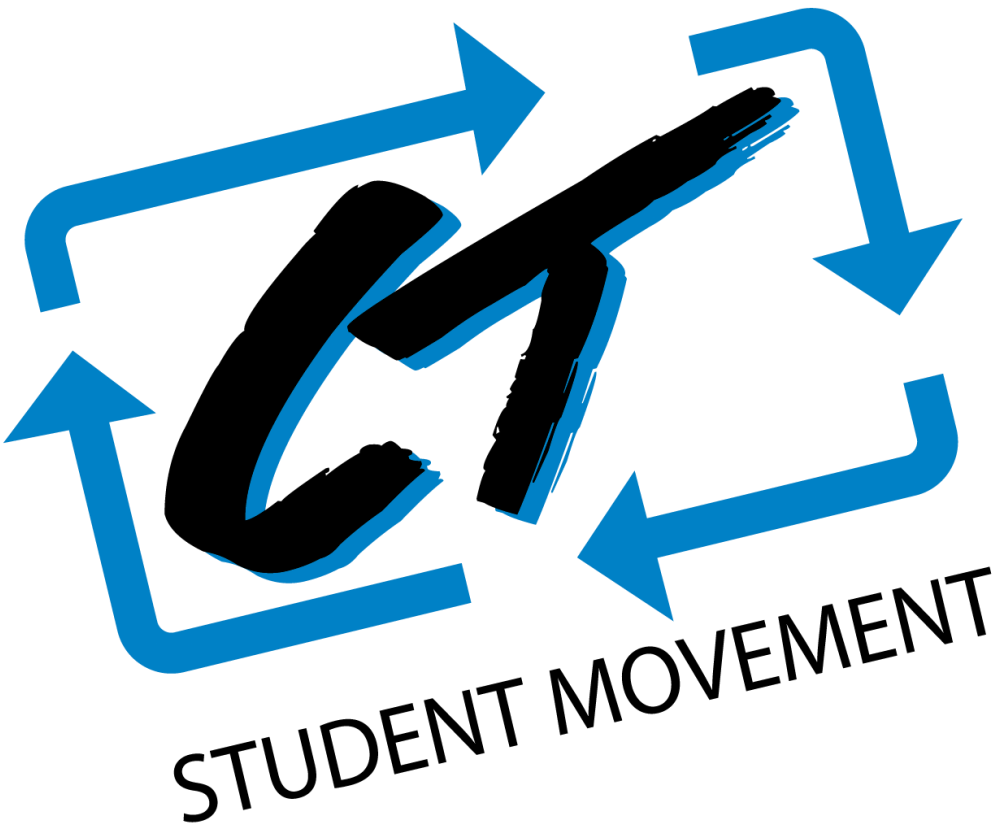
- Love God—Part One* (Matthew 22:34-40)
- Love God—Part Two* (Psalm 136)
- Love Others—Part One* (Matthew 22:39-40)
- Love Others—Part Two* (Luke 10:25-37)

LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

- Choose the Right Friends* (Proverbs 12:26)
- Make Wise Decisions* (Proverbs 1:20-33)
- Honor Your Parents* (Proverbs 1:8-9)
- Be Smart With Finances* (Proverbs 22:7, 26-27)

Crosstown Church of Christ

High School (9th-12th) Curriculum



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YEAR 1: Groundwork

LIFE HAS A PURPOSE

- Honoring God in All That You Do (Genesis 2:2-3)
- Reaching Out to Your Friends (Genesis 1:26-31)
- Making Significant Connections (Genesis 2:18)
- Growing in Your Faith (Genesis 2:7)
- Serving in Ministry (Genesis 1:28-30)

DISCOVER WHO YOU REALLY ARE

- Who Defines You? (1 Samuel 16:1-13)
- Protect Your Identity (1 Samuel 17:12-51)

THE LAW & THE PROPHETS

- The Purpose of the Law (Exodus 20:1-20)
- Why the Law Still Matters (Romans 3:19-31)
- The Role of the Prophets (Ezekiel 36:26-28)
- How the Prophets Point People to Jesus (Isaiah 52:13-53:12)

A FRESH LOOK AT THE NEW TESTAMENT

- Jesus' Birth (Luke 2:1-20)
- Jesus' Life (John 3:1-21)
- Jesus' Resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:1-20, 50-58)
- The Body of Christ (Acts 2)

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR FAMILY LIFE

- The Art of Healthy Family Communication (James 1:19-27)
- Learning to Understand One Another (Colossians 3:12-15)
- Setting the Standard (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

BUILDING WISE HABITS

- Tithing (Psalm 24:1)
- Hang Out With God (Psalm 1)
- Accountable Friendships (Psalm 133)
- Bible Memorization (Psalm 119:11)
- Involvement Within the Church Body (Psalm 78:70-72)
- Studying Scripture (Psalm 119:25-32)

GOD'S PLAN FOR GREAT SEX

- Why God Created Sex (Genesis 2:18-25)
- The Risky Side of Sex (1 Corinthians 6:12-20)
- Forgiveness From God (Colossians 2:13-15)

LIVING LIKE JESUS

- Just Like Me? (Luke 2:41-52)
- Risky Business (Luke 4:14-30)
- Finders Keepers (Luke 15)
- Powerful Prayers (Luke 22:42-44)

DON'T KEEP YOUR FRIENDS IN THE DARK

- Pray for Your Friends (Ephesians 6:19-20)
- Extend an Invitation (Luke 5:27-32)
- Prepare for the Right Moment (2 Timothy 4:1-5)

SECRETS TO PRAYING WELL

- Why We Pray (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)
- How to Pray (Psalm 31)

YEAR 2: Character & Convictions

LIVING ON PURPOSE

- Honoring God With Everything (Luke 22:41-44)
- Reaching Out (John 4:1-42)
- Connecting With Others (John 17:20-26)
- Growing In Your Faith (Matthew 14:13-23)
- Discovering Your Gifts (Matthew 20:20-28)

THE MASTER STORYTELLER

- The Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1-7)
- The Unforgiving Debtor (Matthew 18:21-35)
- The Ten Bridesmaids (Matthew 25:1-13)
- The Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

INTEGRITY: STANDING FIRM IN TOUGH TIMES

- Develop Discipline and a Work Ethic (Daniel 6:1-5)
- Integrity Under Fire (Daniel 6:6-17)
- Integrity Can Lead to Blessing (Daniel 6:18-28)

DEALING WITH PAIN AND STRUGGLES

- Talk About It (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)
- Let Go of It (Luke 17:3-4)
- Grow From It (James 1:2-4)

GROWING ON YOUR OWN

- Hang Out With God/Studying Scripture/Bible Memorization (Exodus 33:11-23)
- Accountable Friendships (Exodus 17:8-13)
- Tithing (2 Corinthians 8:1-9)

SHAPE

- Spiritual Gifts (Romans 12:6-8)
- Heart (Exodus 2:11-12)
- Abilities (2 Chronicles 34:10-13)
- Personality (Acts 9:1-22)
- Experiences (2 Samuel 23:8-23)

PUTTING A STAMP ON YOUR WORLD

- Spiritual Emptiness vs. Planting Churches (1 Corinthians 3:5-9)
- Egocentric Leadership vs. Equipping Servant Leaders (Zechariah 10:2)
- Extreme Poverty vs. Assisting the Poor (1 John 3:14-20)
- Pandemic Disease vs. Caring for the Sick (James 5:14)
- Rampant Illiteracy vs. Educating the Next Generation (Psalm 78:1-7)

UNDERSTANDING OTHER RELIGIONS

- Atheism (Romans 1:19-20)
- Judaism (Acts 2:36-39)
- Islam (Mark 8:27-29)
- Eastern Religions—Hinduism & Buddhism (John 14:6)
- Mormonism (John 1:1-18)

PREPARING FOR HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

- The Good, The Bad, and Me (Hosea 1:2)
- A Woman's Place (Ephesians 5:22-24)
- A Man's Place (Ephesians 5:25-33)

YEAR 3: Giving, Serving & Leading

A WELL-ROUNDED FAITH

- Everywhere, Everyone (Colossians 1:24-29)
- Community Can Be Messy (Philippians 4:2-3)
- Have Roots, Will Grow! (Colossians 2:6-7)
- Serving Like Jesus (Philippians 2:5-11)
- The Ultimate Worship Experience (Romans 12:1-2)

BE A LEADER

- Inner Qualities of Leaders (Deuteronomy 1:9-18)
- Challenges of Leadership (1 Samuel 24:1-22)
- Leadership Decisions (Joshua 1:1-16)

NEHEMIAH

- A Life Interrupted (Nehemiah 1)
- Responding With Action (Nehemiah 2)
- Leading the Way (Nehemiah 3 and 4)

TOUGH QUESTIONS

- Why is There Pain, And What Can I Learn From It? (Genesis 3)
- Is Hell Real? (Matthew 25:31-46)
- Can I Trust the Bible? (2 Timothy 3:16)

DID JESUS REALLY SAY THAT?

- Jesus Speaks to Nicodemus (John 3:1-21)
- Jesus Speaks to the Woman Caught in Adultery (John 8:1-11)
- Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet (John 13:1-20)
- Jesus Warns About the World's Hatred (John 15:18-16:4)

GROWING SPIRITUALLY

- Hang Out With God (1 Samuel 1:8-20)
- Accountable Friendships (2 Samuel 12:1-13)
- Bible Memorization (Joshua 1:8)
- Involvement Within the Church Body (1 Kings 19:15-21)
- Tithing (Genesis 22:1-18)
- Studying Scripture (1 Samuel 15:1-23)

COMMUNITY

- Quality vs. Quantity (Proverbs 27:17)
- Encourage, Encourage, Encourage (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- How to Ruin a Great Friendship (Proverbs 16:28)

INTIMACY KILLERS

- Lust (Job 31:1)
- Immodesty (1 Peter 3:3-4)
- Stopping the Cycle (1 Timothy 5:1-2)

CHARACTER TRAITS OF GOD

- God is Holy (Isaiah 6:1-5)
- God is Just (Psalm 99:4)
- God is Patient (Psalm 103)
- God is Loving (Psalm 144)

BEARING FRUIT IN CHRIST

- How Do I Grow the Fruit God Desires? (John 15:1-17)
- What Fruit is Growing in My Life? (Galatians 5:16-26)

(Year 4: Lasting Commitment, on back page)