

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>
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). 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)