



## **PURPOSE 5: The Crossings exists to cultivate loving fellowship.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ : "fellowship, sharing in common."

God designed the \_\_\_\_\_ family to function interdependently.

*It is not good for the man to be alone, so I will create a companion for him, a perfectly suited partner. <sup>24</sup> Now this is the reason a man leaves his father and his mother, and is united with his wife; and the two become one. Genesis 2:18, 24 (VOICE)*

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*You can easily enough see how this kind of thing works by looking no further than your own body. Your body has many parts--limbs, organs, cells--but no matter how many parts you can name, you're still one body. It's exactly the same with Christ. <sup>13</sup> By means of his one Spirit, we all said good-bye to our partial and piecemeal lives. We each used to independently call our own shots, but then we entered into a large and integrated life in which he has the final say in everything. (This is what we proclaimed in word and action when we were baptized.) 1 Corinthians 12:12,13 (MP)*

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## ➤ **FOUR ESSENTIAL AREAS WE ARE CALLED TO SHARE IN:**

**AREA 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ - WE SHARE THE SAME \_\_\_\_\_.

*...be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, **both Lord and Christ**." <sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said ... "Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup> Peter replied, "**Repent** and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit... <sup>40</sup> With many other words he warned them..."Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and ... <sup>42</sup>**They devoted themselves to... fellowship...** Acts 2:36-42 (NIV)*

We are telling you about what we ourselves have actually seen and heard, so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. **1 John 1:3** (NLT)

**AREA 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ - WE SHARE OUR \_\_\_\_\_.

We loved you very much, so we were happy to share God's Good News with you. But not only that--we were also happy to share our own lives with you.

**1 Thessalonians 2:8** (ERV)

- **Sharing our lives means sharing our** \_\_\_\_\_.

The group of followers... shared everything they had with each other. **Acts 2:44** (CEV)

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All the believers met together constantly... **Acts 2:44a** (LB)

This is not the time to pull away and neglect meeting together, as some have formed the habit of doing... In fact, we should come together even more frequently, eager to encourage and urge each other onward **Hebrews 10:25** (TPT)

- **Sharing our lives means sharing our** \_\_\_\_\_.

Share each other's troubles and problems. **Galatians 6:2** (NLT)

**AREA 3:** \_\_\_\_\_ - WE SHARE THE \_\_\_\_\_.

We are partners working together for God." **1 Corinthians 3:9a** (TEV)

I am not trying to make life easier for others by making life harder for you. But it is only fair<sup>14</sup> for you to share with them when you have so much, and they have so little. Later, when they have more than enough, and you are in need, they can share with you. **2 Corinthians 8:14** (CEV)

The whole Body is fitted together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole Body is healthy and growing and full of love. **Ephesians 4:16** (NLT)

**AREA 4:** \_\_\_\_\_ - WE SHARE OUR \_\_\_\_\_.

Be devoted to each other like a loving family. **Rom. 12:10** (GW)

We know what real love is because Christ gave up His life for us. And so we also ought to give up our lives for our Christian brothers and sisters. **1 John 3:16** (NLT)

Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. <sup>35</sup> This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples--when they see the love you have for each other". **John 13:34, 35** (MP)