



The Cross Ministry

Vision Statement: To daily shine the light of Jesus and boldly proclaim the message of the cross by holding the cross throughout the Michiana region!

Scriptures

“The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God.” 1 Corinthians 1:18

“If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way (deny yourself), take up your cross daily, and follow me.” Luke 9:23

Jesus said, “And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to Myself.” John 12:32

“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.” Matthew 5:14-16

Our desire is to have lots of crosses being held all throughout the region each day. We believe as people look at the cross, seeds will be planted because the cross speaks a message with the partnership of the Holy Spirit. It is our prayer that as we hold the cross...

- 1. The hearts of non believers will be convicted by the Holy Spirit and provoked to seek out the truth of Jesus and respond to the Gospel message!**
- 2. The hearts of believers will be challenged and encouraged to be bold for Christ and shine in their areas of influence!**

3. Our light will shine and our hearts will be fanned into flame and burn with passion for Jesus and desire to see the lost saved!
4. Our own lives will be brought into greater conformity with Jesus as the cross does its deep work within us.
5. We unapologetically and boldly proclaim that we will not bow, be silent or conformed to the spirit of the world.

Plan: (if you have your own cross, go out as much as possible)

- Check out a cross on Sunday for a week and go out as many times as possible during that week. The cross needs to be returned the following Sunday for the next person.
- Take Radiant Gospel Cards to hand out if people pass or stop by. Be prepared to talk, pray and share the Gospel with people. (If you have the opportunity to share, ask good questions and listen, don't force it or argue, and trust that the Holy Spirit will speak in and through you.
- Hold the cross for at least 1 hr at a busy intersection. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to the right place. (Spend that time praying and worshipping the Lord!) **take earphones if you want to listen to worship music*
- Take a selfie of you holding the cross. If people stop by, ask if you can take a selfie with them holding the cross. (share the pics in the group chat) **the purpose of the pics is to encourage one another and our Radiant body to go out and hold the cross and be bold for the Lord!*
- **Be prepared for positivity & hostility!** (Jesus said, *"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account."* Matt 5:11)