

August 27, 2023

QUESTIONS WORTH ASKING

If God is sovereign, why pray?



Our world is full of questions, and there are many competing answers. What does God's word say about things in our culture and our every day lives? This summer, we're giving insights rooted in scripture to the questions you've asked, as together we earnestly seek God.



CP MINISTRIES 2023
GROW. SERVE. RENEW!



TODAY AT CP

CPlittles ages 0-5
Nursery

CPkids for K-6th
Fellowship Hall

Grandparents Praying
10:45 AM | *Prayer Room*

Prayer Partners
Front of worship center

We had a wonderful ministry fair last Sunday, thank you to all of our ministry leaders and the Men's Adventure team for making a great lunch for us! Wednesday night ministries for CP Youth, Cadets, and GEMS had an amazing kick-off this week and most adult ministries begin the week of September 11-15.

You can still find a place to serve and a place to grow this year! Find printed ministry brochures at Connection Point or see all of our ministries online at the website or QR below.

Fill out our Ministry Interest form online and we will connect you with ministry leaders!

crosspointchino.org/ministries



STARTING POINT

Sunday, September 17 at 11 AM
Conference Room

Are you new to CrossPoint? We've got a place for you! Hosted by Pastor of Community Life, Danny Unterkofler, Starting Point is a short time together to learn more about the history of CrossPoint, our vision for ministry, and the best place for you to get connected into the CrossPoint family! Join us for snacks, drinks, and learning about our church community. Kids are welcome!

Let us know you are coming!
crosspointchino.org/startingpoint



Fall session begins
Sunday, September 10
for 10 weeks

Sundays 4:00-5:30 PM
CrossPoint Church
Childcare provided

[crosspointchino.org/
rooted](http://crosspointchino.org/rooted)

God has designed us for life in community! One of the ways we practice this at CrossPoint is through our small group Bible study called Rooted. During this 10-week journey, you'll deepen your connection with God, His Church, and your purpose. Get rooted and let us know you are joining us by Sunday, September 3!

**Find *freedom*
with your money.**



Have you been looking for a way to get on top of your money? Financial Peace University is a 9-week class developed by Dave Ramsey that has helped millions of people experience financial freedom. You will get practical steps to get rid of debt, manage spending and saving wisely, and give generously like never before! Join CP member Luke Kloosterman for this class located at CrossPoint; childcare is available.

FPU begins Tuesday, August 29 at 7 pm
Register at crosspointchino.org/FPU

CP COMMUNITY DINNERS

Sunday, September 24
CrossPoint family homes

There's no better way to get to know your church family than to gather around the table! You will be assigned a home to have dinner and have a great time developing community with new or old friends.

When: Sunday, September 24 at 5 PM
Who: Anyone from CrossPoint! Sign up as a family, pair up with a friend, or go solo. All are welcome!
How: Sign up today at Connection Point or crosspointchino.org/dinner

IN THE LIBRARY Stop in today to find great books and media!

- Long-distance Grandparenting: Nurturing the faith of your grandchildren when you can't be there in person *by Wayne Rice*
- An Arrested Heart: An ordinary man's story of life *by Ray Haakonsen, Founder of Beautiful Gate*
- The Consequences of Ideas: If you think philosophy is irrelevant to your daily life, think again – Thirty-five 23-minute messages on DVD *by R.C. Sproul*
- Framed: A novella of suspense *by James Scott Bell*
- The Masterpiece: A novel *by Francine Rivers*
- At Home in Mitford / A Light in the Window – The Mitford Years *by Jan Karon*

UNCOVERING MEANING IN THE ORIGINAL TESTAMENT

11 AM Sunday mornings | Worship Center
Teaching by Matt Piper and Ryan Bykerk
First class begins September 10

See the Old Testament in a new light as Bible teachers Matt and Ryan walk through the layers of meaning that can be found in the historical and cultural context of this ancient text.

This conversational, informal Sunday school class will focus on the stories of the Old Testament with insights from the original Hebrew Bible and what we can learn from it. Find deeper meaning in the Scriptures by studying the books that are foundational to the whole story of the gospel.



CP SUMMER MISSIONS

CP MISSIONS NIGHT

Sunday, September 10
6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

Join us for a time to hear the stories from our summer mission teams of what God did in Lesotho, Sri Lanka, and Kenya!

Coffee and dessert will be served.



welcome! we're so glad you are here

Welcome to those visiting CrossPoint today! We hope you experience God's goodness and love for you in our worship today. We're here to walk beside you and help you find your place no matter where you are on your faith journey. We would love to meet you, so please stop by Connection Point in the lobby after the service. You can also let us know you visited by completing the Connection Card found in the seat back or online at the QR code below. Thank you for joining us, you are welcome here!

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Questions Worth Asking | Don Porter, Lead Pastor

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So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. Acts 12:5

The sovereignty of God - God is the supreme authority, knowing all, working in all, and allowing nothing to happen outside of His good and perfect will.

If God is sovereign, why do we ask Him for help?

1. Because God is Sovereign we know He can _____ any prayer. Psalm 115:1-3
2. Because God _____ us to pray. Luke 11:9-10
3. Because if we don't ask for things in prayer, we may not _____ them. James 4:2c
4. Because our prayers are part of His _____ and _____. Luke 22:31-32

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." Luke 11:9-10

READINGS	M	2 Corinthians 4
	T	Romans 5:1-11
	W	Romans 8
	Th	Psalm 13
	F	1 Peter 3:8-22; 4:12-19
	Sa	Job 1
Su	2 Corinthians 4	

- What was something you read in the weekly Scripture passages or heard in the message that made an impact on you? Explain.
- How would you describe the "sovereignty of God?"
- How would you respond to someone who says, "Why bother praying if God already knows what He's going to do?"
- In what ways might the reality of the sovereignty of God bring encouragement to your prayers and your life in general?
- In the message we talked about four reasons we should pray (considering God's sovereignty). What are these four reasons? Which of these particularly speaks to you? Why?
- How might this message encourage your prayer life? What will you do about it?