

11. How do I prepare for RENEW?

The best way to prepare for **RENEW** is to spend time in prayer before the Lord. When you pray, ask the Lord to help you examine your relationship with Him.

Are you living faithfully for the Lord? Does your life glorify Him? Is there any sin in your life that you should turn from and confess to the Lord?

Additionally, ask the Lord to help you look at your commitment to CrossPoint. When you joined CrossPoint, you signed a covenant saying you would commit to the following promises.

- I will protect the unity of my church.
- I will share the responsibility of my church.
- I will serve the ministry of my church.
- I will support the finances of my church.
- I will enhance the testimony of my church.

Have you been faithful to fulfill these covenant promises this year? Are you willing to commit to them again for the coming year?

In doing these things you will be spiritually equipped to make your public commitment when **RENEW** begins.

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1. What is RENEW?

RENEW is a spiritual emphasis that reminds CrossPoint of the serious nature of regenerate church membership. It is a time of spiritual examination. During this emphasis we ask every member of CrossPoint to **RENEW** his or her relationship with Christ as well as his or her membership with CrossPoint.

2. What is the purpose of RENEW?

The first purpose of **RENEW** is to bring revival to CrossPoint. During **RENEW** each member of CrossPoint is asked to closely examine his or her relationship with the Lord and asked to do whatever is necessary to live a life fully devoted to Him.

A second purpose of **RENEW** is to strengthen church membership at CrossPoint. The church matters to God. Since the church matters to God, the church should also matter to God's people.

The Bible is filled with substantial proof of how much the church matters to God. Ephesians 5:25 states, "Christ loved the church, and gave Himself up for her." Since Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, how much more should the members of God's church love the church.

A third purpose of **RENEW** is to teach the importance of church membership to CrossPoint. Church membership produces spiritual growth. It builds character. Membership in the church also determines who we can depend on. Moreover, church membership is a living witness to the Lordship of Christ in your life.

3. How often do we participate in RENEW?

RENEW is an annual spiritual emphasis for CrossPoint.

4. When do we implement RENEW?

We implement **RENEW** during January as we celebrate the anniversary of our ministry and mission together.

5. How will RENEW be implemented?

Ryan will introduce the process of **RENEW** on the first Sunday of January. Each Sunday thereafter, until the first Sunday of February, every CrossPointer will be invited to sign their membership covenant and to respond publicly by presenting their signed **RENEW** card at the close of worship.

6. What age groups are included in RENEW?

RENEW includes middle school age students through adults.

7. What about children who are members of CrossPoint? Will they be asked to RENEW?

Parents whose children are members will be encouraged to include their children in **RENEW**, although it is not necessary for children to sign a membership covenant.

8. What about college students who are away at college? How will they be able to make their commitment to RENEW?

College students are welcome to make their commitment to **RENEW** during the Christmas break.

9. How will we follow up with members who do not RENEW their memberships?

The CrossPoint Deacons will conduct the follow-up effort. These men will respond to the different needs and situations expressed during the follow-up process.

The purpose of the follow-up will be to ask the members who did not sign a membership covenant about the status of their church membership. Perhaps they have moved. Maybe they have joined another church. It could be they have just lost their connection with CrossPoint. Regardless of the situation, the Deacons will work redemptively to discover why these members are no longer involved in the ministry and mission of CrossPoint.

10. How will members who do not RENEW their membership be allowed to continue their membership at CrossPoint?

Members who do not **RENEW** during the emphasis, yet desire to continue their membership at CrossPoint, will be invited to participate in the next regularly scheduled Discovery 101 Membership Class.