



YOUTH NEWS

Echo Newsletter

March 2020

From Plastic to Real

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat: What do these things have in common? Well, if you said they are social networking platforms, you'd be right, but more than that, they are outgrowths of a plastic culture. What do I mean by that? Have you ever gone into a house and sat down to see some very nice looking fruit laid out on the table in front of you? It looks almost perfect. Your mouth starts to water and you think... I'll take one. Then.... You touch it. Turns out, that's not real fruit or food at all. It's plastic. It was an illusion. And so it is with social media.

There are a lot of great things about the technological age in which we live. So, this isn't to say that we should all become social media Luddites in order to protest the illusory culture of today. However, when kids have grown up with access to plastic reality at their fingertips it is hard for them to understand how to engage with real reality. In other words... they aren't sure what to do with a real apple (get it?).

It's our job, as adults, to help them navigate this tenuous world, but that's difficult as well considering that most of us didn't grow up with plastic culture. It arrived when we had already established what reality really is. Which is difficult, but also helpful. There are three realities at play at all times, something Mark Sayer's calls "hyper-reality" (the plastic stuff), "real reality" and "God's reality." The challenge, in many ways, for the church today is that we no longer simply need to shift people's focus from real reality to God's reality, but we must first shift their focus from hyper-reality to real reality. This month, we're going to dive into that topic and discuss how to live in God's reality in the midst of a hyper-real world.

As always, if you have any questions and concerns please contact me at josh@crosspointbible.org or in the office at (402) 571-3161.

- Pastor Josh

"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ."

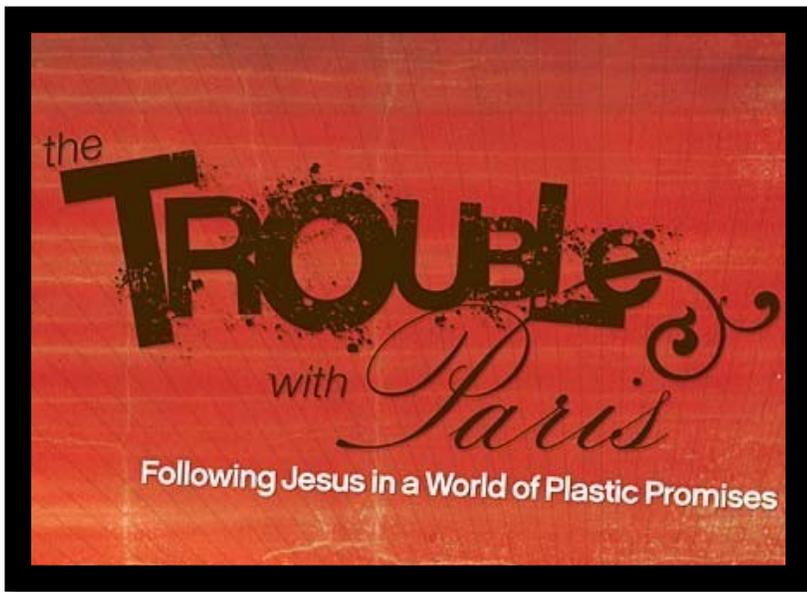
- Philippians 3:20



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MARCH TOPICS

What we're talking about:

- * 1st — Small Group Focus (Evangelism)
- * 8th — Decisions (Senior Student Leaders)*
- * 15th — Trouble with Paris (Mark Sayers)
- * 22nd — Trouble with Paris (Mark Sayers)
- * 29th — Trouble with Paris (Mark Sayers)

Reverb Bible Study Schedule

Reverb is an every other Sunday Bible Study held after youth group from 8:30pm-9:15pm. We will be holding Reverb on the 8th and 22nd of February.

2019-2020 Student Leaders Are: Ben Brindamour, Brandon Brindamour, Sarah Bartsch, Emma Slininger, Grace Mattox, Naomi Mattox, Joanna Revers, Hannah Schafer

* On March 8th the Senior Student Leaders get the opportunity to share some things they have learned through their years with the rest of the group.

* Through the month of march we will be doing a short video series from Mark Sayers on hyper-reality and engaging with it.

Please visit crosspointbible.org/students for more information on the school year, a calendar and various forms to fill out throughout the year, including the registrations for events such as the Leadership Summit at the end of April!

We're on Social Media, look for Crosspoint Student Ministries on:    

Leadership Summit

Our second annual Leadership Summit will take place the weekend of April 24-26 this spring. Cost for the weekend will be \$75/person.

We will be discussing Christian leadership throughout the weekend with a focus on discipleship and discernment. The goal is two-fold. 1) To provide practical leadership and discipleship training to students 2) To help students understand how to follow a good leader. Registrations will be online.



Pastor Josh Klein

TAKE 3

One: Are you interested in going to the Leadership Summit? Let's talk about what you might want to glean from it if you go.

Two: What is the difference between hyper-reality, real reality and God's reality? How do you think we engage with it as a family?

Three: Spend time each night thanking God out loud for something!