



# GROUPS AT CROSS POINT

## BREAKING THE ICE

What's your alarm clock personality type? Do you wake up on your own, snooze five times, get up at the first sound of the alarm or do you have to set the alarm across the room to force yourself to get up?

Describe your morning routine.



## MAIN CONTENT

This week Pastor Drew Powell continued our series, Rise and Shine. Every day we rise, but not every day we shine.

This week, he talked about being your true self and the struggle with comparison. Is comparison something that you struggle with? If so, in what areas of your life is this a struggle? What do you do to keep yourself from falling into the comparison trap?

1. In response to hearing Pastor Drew read Romans 12:4-9, what are some of the gifts or unique character qualities that make up who you are?

If you have trouble identifying unique ways in which you're gifted, ask your group what they see in you. Because the gifts are there! Sometimes we need our community to help us unearth them!





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2. Humans are the only beings who wear masks to hide our true selves. Are you aware of any masks you hide behind to live up to the world's expectations? What would it take for you to drop this mask? Some examples of masks could be: cynicism, deflecting with humor/sarcasm, performance, workaholism, filters, insecurity, name-dropping, etc.
3. Read Psalm 139:1-18 and reconsider when Ian Cron says this: "You're loved. God invited you to this party because He felt in some way that it would be less beautiful and wonderful if you weren't there." When you think about the things God thinks about you, and the way He sees you, what comes to mind?
4. One of the main points in this week's message is: "You discover your true self in the reflection of the cross." What does Jesus' willingness to sacrifice Himself on the cross make true about you?

Some examples: You are loved, forgiven, valued. There's hope for your future. God's presence is with you. You have direct access to God. What changes for you when you believe that these things are fundamentally true about you?





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## PRAYER

God, thank you for making us all unique; thank you for giving us all our own gifts and talents to use to glorify you. Help show us what those gifts are, if we are unsure. Please help us to remember this week that comparison is a trap and that when we look to the reflection of the cross, we see who you want us to be. Amen.

## ACTION STEP

Share with your group one thing you want to receive or believe more deeply that is true about you because of the cross. Partner up and commit to pray for specifically for one other member of your group this week, that they could truly believe and rest in this truth.

Encourage your group to watch the rest of the interview with Ian Cron at [crosspoint.tv/ian](https://www.crosspoint.tv/ian). Share and discuss your favorite takeaway with your group.

