

[Note: Optional items below are in blue]



Watch Party Checklist

Prior to CROSS20

❑ Determine your watch party location.

- If possible, use a large TV or projection screen with ample speakers.
- Be sure you have internet download speeds of 15 mbps or faster.
- Be aware of the COVID-19 capacity ordinances.

❑ Spread the word at your church or ministry.

- The livestream will be geared towards 18-25 year olds, but anyone is welcome to join. For promotional materials, visit: CROSSforthenations.org/promo.

❑ Communicate to your group how to register.

- You have at least three options:
 1. Direct each group member register themselves.
 - a. Pro: Easy on you.
 - b. Con: How many will do it?
 2. You register your group and have each member reimburse you.
 - a. Pro: You'll assure the group is signed up.
 - b. Con: Will you ever see that money?
 3. You register your group and have your church/ministry to cover the costs.
 - a. Pro: Simplest option for you and your group.
 - b. Con: Can your church/ministry afford it?
- Note: You don't need personal information to register if you choose options one or two above. You can register a whole group of people without having any names or emails.

❑ [Optional] Gather a little early and sing.

- After some surveying, we decided to not try and lead singing through a livestream. But if you are able, we'd encourage you to gather 20 minutes early and sing at your watch party before joining us at the start of the livestream.

❑ [Optional] Designate discussion group leaders.

- At the end of each session, we have set aside time for groups to reflect and unpack the information they've just heard. You may want to consider splitting your watch party into smaller groups of 6-12 with designated discussion leaders to help orchestrate the conversation. We will supply the discussion questions.

❑ **[Optional] Set your own registration deadline.**

- 18-25 year olds operate best with deadlines, at least in our experience! We didn't include any price increases in order to keep the registration process simple (and affordable!), but you, as a leader, might find it useful to include your own deadline for planning purposes.

❑ **[Optional] Create a food plan.**

- We plan to broadcast the livestream from 5:30–9 p.m. (EST) December 29 and from 1–9 p.m. December 30. (These times are subject to change.) With this schedule, many groups are opting to eat meals together. You may want to consider doing something similar.
 - Tip: If you choose to register your group and have them reimburse you, you might want to consider charging \$20 per person to help cover the cost of food.

❑ **[Optional] Assign articles for your group to read in advance of CROSS20.**

- Some group leaders have found it helpful to get their students thinking about topics in missions prior to CROSS20. If you'd like to do something similar, here is a quick list of articles that we'd recommend:
 - ["If I Were 22 Again" by John Piper](#)
 - ["Ask God for the World" by David Platt](#)
 - ["Open Arms to the Muslim World \(The Story of Samuel Zwemer\)" by John Piper](#)
 - ["The Goal of Missions and the Work of Missionaries" by Kevin DeYoung](#)
 - ["God Always Wanted the Whole World" by Jason DeRouchie](#) (more advanced)

❑ **[Optional] Purchase books for your group.**

- If you're familiar with CROSS, you know that we love to give away good books to registrants because we believe they are "time capsules of goodness" in the hands of young people. Unfortunately, due to shipping costs and trying to keep the cost of the conference affordable, we are not able to give away any hard copies of books this year. Some groups have informed us that they plan to purchase books for their group in advance. If you're interested in doing the same, [here is access to our online bookstore](http://www.crossforthenations.org/books) (www.crossforthenations.org/books) with discounted rates.

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❑ Test the CROSS20 access link.

- We will send you your access link to watch the CROSS20 livestream. You will not need any specific login information. We will simply send you a unique link that allows one viewer per number of registrants. So for example, if you registered 20 people, you could actually forward that link up to 20 different people to watch from their home if you'd like to. Or you could all watch from the same projector (which is what we'd expect for most groups).

❑ Register any additional viewers.

- If you registered 20 people, but ended up having 30 arrive, not a problem! You can simply go on CROSS20.com and register the extra ten viewers.

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❑ [Optional] Utilize our "Next Steps" videos

- At the close of the livestream, we will be releasing about 15-20 videos that will take the place of breakouts this year. They will be short (10-15 minutes) and highly practical, focusing on issues like:
 - How to Think About Stewarding Money in a Materialistic Age
 - Choosing a Sending Agency
 - Preparing to be an Effective Missionary
 - The Dilemma of Student Debt
 - Loving Jesus by Loving His Church
 - And more.

If you choose, you can encourage your group members to watch them individually or you can use the videos to watch as a group following CROSS20. All of the videos will be able to be accessed at CROSSforthenations.org starting on December 30 at the close of the livestream.