

WORSHIP

New Normal

The Importance of Relationships & Connections

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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

We are designed by a relational God for connection.
Genesis 2:15

We need DAILY encouragement and connection.
Hebrews 3:12-13

Our challenge is to remember how important it is to be intentional in our relationships.

Make ONE INTENTIONAL PHONE CALL a day!

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1. WELCOME

If anyone has had a significant event in their life this past week, give them a minute to share with the group. If necessary, take some time to pray for any immediate needs right at the beginning of the meeting.

2. VISION/PURPOSE

God designed us for relationship. How can we stay connected with each other during the COVID-19 pandemic?

3. SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

Review guidelines (Use "I" Statements, No Fixing, Confidentiality, Listening) that cultivate a healthy environment for sharing and discussion.

4. OPENING PRAYER

5. READ SCRIPTURE PASSAGE/TELL BIBLE STORY PASSAGE

6. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use a good mix of Head (informational/study) questions, Heart (personal reflection) questions, and Hand (practical application) questions. Below are questions your group can pick from to follow along with the sermon series.

7. PERSONAL SHARING AND PRAYER REQUESTS

You can share and pray in one group, in smaller groups, or in gender specific groups. Make sure that phone numbers are shared so that encouragement and connection can happen during the week.

QUESTIONS

WARM UP: Now that we are four plus weeks into our new normal, do you believe that your relationships are getting better?

HEAD: These questions help us examine the Word.

1) Reflect a bit on Genesis 2:18. How is it that Adam had a perfect relationship with God and yet lacked something?

2) Notice both the warning and the encouragement in Hebrews 3:12-13. What are we to be aware of/avoid, and what are we to pursue?

HEART: These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.

3) The author's instruction is for DAILY encouragement. That's a lot! Do you believe you need daily encouragement?

4) During the last month have you been more or less intentional in your relationships?

HAND: These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into our everyday life.

5) What does intentional connection look like for you over the next few days?

6) How are you doing at making your one call a day (Who has been/is on your heart)?