

CONNECT GROUP GUIDE: 23 Sep. 2018

WELCOME [KNOWING EACH OTHER DEEPER]

Let's make everyone feel welcome, especially the new faces in the group.

Connect Question: Have you ever been on a church mission trip? Where did you go to?

WORSHIP [TAKE OUR LOVE FOR GOD DEEPER]

Let praise flow from my lips, for you have taught me your decrees.

Let my tongue sing about your word, for all your commands are right.

Psalms 119: 171-172 (NLT)

WORD [LIVING DEEPER FOR HIM]

Attracted: Have you ever stopped to consider just how attractive you are to the world as a child of God? Just as the gentile world was attracted in ancient times to the living God of Israel, so too is this modern world attracted to us who have the divine privilege of being the hands and hearts and minds and mouths of Christ to a lost generation desperate for Him. We may often feel that it is us against the world, but God invested Himself into our lives so that we might be the most attractive thing in the world to those lost and unsaved around us.

Commanded:

- Who do you know that is lost, but your heart breaks for them? Please discuss.
 - Do these unsaved ones deserve your love?
 - Where do you think your love for them comes from?
 - **Read Mark 12:30-31 and Galatians 4:14**
- God is busy moulding and forming us for His greater purposes. Please relate:
 - Can you recall an insignificant event that has ended up re-directing your life?
 - Can you recall an unfortunate circumstance or an unfair event that has ultimately ended up shaping your calling?
 - Can you recall a mistake or bad decision you might have made that God has used and turned around for good in your life?
- **Read Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15**
 - Who is a missionary?
 - What and/or where is a mission field?
 - Who enables us to go? (the Holy Spirit)

Our obedience to God's great commission and great commandment lies at the very heart of Kingdom growth. Where our walk of faith meets the pathways of the lost that God has placed on our hearts – where our going meets our calling – is where God wants us to be. We are called to love extravagantly. And to draw the lost to Christ. This is our mandate. This is our mission.

WORKS [GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER]

Let's pray for:

- God to break our hearts for the lost He has chosen us to find
- For the infilling of the Holy Spirit to equip us to go
- Any special needs in the group.