

CONNECT GROUP GUIDE: 12 Aug. 2018

WELCOME [KNOWING EACH OTHER DEEPER]

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

Connect Question: How old were you when you joined your first cell/connect group/ bible study? What did you like about it?

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.

Psalm 119: 171-172 (NLT)

WORD [LIVING DEEPER FOR HIM]

Being Honest: As Christians we would love to believe that we are being honest all the time. But if we're honest about it we can confess that there are some grey areas, where perhaps God doesn't completely rule in our lives? If we view our lives from the outside (from another person's perspective observing us), can we correlate who and what is most important on the inside?

It's not who and what we say we are that is most important, but who and what we actually are, that reveals God to the world through our lives.

Together:

- Everyone get a piece of paper please. List these things:
 - Facebook (Social Media/ Online activity); Friends; Work; Colleagues; Children; Husband/Wife; God; Hobby; Church; Health (Fitness/Gym)
 - First write down a number 1 – 10 next to each thing (1 being most important, 10 being least important)
 - Second write down how many hours you spend on each thing per day
 - What story does it tell you about the importance of these things to you?
- Read **Matthew 22:37-39:**
 - If time is our greatest commodity, what do we spend most of it on? How can we align what we feel, with what we spend our time on?
 - And how can we correct our priorities?
- Read Hebrews **10:24:**
 - Do you allow close friends to talk into your life?
 - Do you invite people to sharpen and grow you?

One of the hardest things is to find balance in our lives. It's not that we don't love God or our family/friends, but the reality is that we tend too easily to leave out time for those we think will love us anyway.

We should choose to balance our life time to more accurately reflect who is most important to us. We are not victims - through Christ we are victors! So let's take back the time we know we should!

WORKS [GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER]

Let's pray for:

- A restoration of priorities, with God and His will for our lives at the very top.
- Any special needs in the group.