

CONNECT GROUP GUIDE: 2 Sep 2018

WELCOME [KNOWING EACH OTHER DEEPER]

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

Connect Question: What's the best surprise party you've ever pulled off, and how did you do 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.

Psalms 119: 171-172 (NLT)

WORD [LIVING DEEPER FOR HIM]

What do you know? One of the best ways of overcoming an enemy is to know their next move before they make it. If we know their move, we can put measures in place to counter it and prevent possible damage or loss. One of the best ways an enemy cloaks itself is as an unknown threat. Do you know that there is an enemy out there? And do you know that he has a strategy?

Intell:

- Read and discuss 1 Peter 5:8 NLT:
 - Why do people not think the threat of the devil is real?
 - What is the main danger that exists if people believe the devil does not exist?
 - Why did Peter write this verse of scripture for us?
- Read and discuss Ephesians 6:12 NLT:
 - In light of this scripture, evaluate how you *are*, versus how you *should be* fighting?
 - How should this scripture shape the way you pray for government, your marriage, your family, friends, or your work?
- Read and discuss Ephesians 6:16 ESV:
 - What stands out most for you in this scripture?
 - When describing a shield to someone, how would you explain what it is used for?
 - In context then, how many times do you think a person has attacked you, when actually it was the devil using someone to say, do or act in a way that hurt you?
- Read and discuss Mark 8:33 NIV:
 - Even one of the 12 disciples was a tool for the devil in this instance. Why do you think the devil won't drop thoughts in your mind about your spouse, neighbour, or boss?
 - In light of these attacks, who have you maybe gotten upset with, having not realised that the attack was really from the devil?
 - Where does he attack most and why?

God has given us super natural knowledge through His Holy Spirit. We need to realise that the devil has a plan to steal, kill, and destroy, but we have been given the weapons to fight back and defend ourselves. Do not be fooled, the devil is around, but with God on our side, we need not fear him.

WORKS [GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER]

Let's pray for:

- For spiritual eyes to open up to the attacks of the devil in our lives.
- For us to recognize and stand up and fight back against our enemy the devil.
- Any special needs in the group.