

CONNECT GROUP GUIDE: 14 Oct 2018

WELCOME [KNOWING EACH OTHER DEEPER]

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

Connect Question: What's the scariest ride you've ever been on? Please describe.

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]

Mountain from a molehill: We've all heard the saying "don't make a mountain out of a molehill". But as much as we hear it, we often still fall into the trap of doing it. We look at our circumstances, our abilities, the political or financial climate, and we can't see how we're going to navigate our way over the situations we face.

Do not be anxious:

- Read Matthew 6:31-34
 - When has this scripture spoken most to you? Do you have a testimony to share?
 - What does 'seeking God's Kingdom first' mean to your life? Share examples.
 - What does 'living righteously' look like today?
- Read Philippians 4:6-7
 - What do you feel is the difference between a care or concern, and being anxious?
 - What are the biggest problems about being anxious in a situation?
 - What does 'peace that surpasses all understanding' look or feel like to you?
- Read Matthew 26:46-47; Luke 22:49; John 18:10
 - Why did the disciples have swords with them?
 - What was most concerning about what happened when Jesus was captured?
 - The fact that the disciples actually wanted to fight against it (the disciples lived with Jesus and were even told by him that he was going to be captured and betrayed, and that he would die, but they still wanted to stop it).
 - Think of your own life. When did you fight but God actually wanted you to lay your sword down?
 - What are you missing that God is doing in your life? Are you fighting things you maybe shouldn't be?

We need to trust that our God who is all powerful, all seeing, and all knowing, is really doing what He says He is doing! Situations may get tough, but we need to know that God knows, and that in Him we can and will get through whatever we face. Let us not be anxious about anything, but pray about everything, and believe that God will bring us through to the other side, victorious in Him.

WORKS [GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER]

Let's pray for:

- For those who feel over-anxious about things in life.
- Any special needs in the group.