



CONNECT GROUP GUIDE: BETTER CONNECTED—WEEK 1

We were not made to be alone! At Calvary, we want to get better connected because we believe God created us in such a way that life is simply better when we are connected to one another and God.

Today we're going to take some time to get to know one another, because God created us to be connected!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Today we want you to get to know one another so you can set a firm foundation for a great Connect Group experience. So, assign someone to be a timekeeper. Then, go around the room and have each person introduce themselves to the group. Share a few details about your childhood, early adulthood, family and how you ended up in Alexandria. Here's the catch: You have exactly 2 minutes to do so – no longer, no shorter. If necessary, the timekeeper will cut you off when your time is up! Ready? Go!
2. Why did you decide to join a Connect Group?
3. **Read Genesis 2:15-22.** Prior to this passage is the story of Creation, where at the end of creating the whole world, God stepped back and saw that it was "very good." We read today how for God things went from "very good" to "not good." Why do you think there was a shift?
4. What happens to us when we find ourselves isolated for long periods of time? If you feel comfortable sharing, when in your life have you felt alone?
5. God created us to be connected. We're relational creatures. How is life better when we're connected?

MOVING FORWARD

As you come to know one another and explore what God is up to in your lives, faith leaves the realm of religious information and becomes a vibrant part of life in our real lives. Jesus didn't give us a specific system or program with which to grow in our relationship with him. He gave us each other. He gave us community. Life is better connected because it's how God created us.

We hope this group will provide you with deep community and help you grow in your faith. Whether it does or not will be partly determined by factors outside your control, like personal chemistry among the group members. But there are some things you can control: **1. Show up!** Make a commitment to be at group gatherings. **2. Join in!** Take part in the discussions. **3. Be real!** Let the people in this group know who you really are.

PRAYER

God of love and mercy, you created us in such a way that when we are connected to one another and to you our lives are better. Help us to grow deeper connections with one another, take away any fears we might have of others getting to know who we really are, and use our relationship with one another to deepen our faith in you. We pray this in your name. Amen.