



CONNECT GROUP GUIDE: BETTER CONNECTED—WEEK 2

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'll wonder: How is life different when we are connected? And, for that matter, how is faith different when we're connected?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Come back to the question from last week of what motivated you to join a Connect Group. When you joined, what did you hope to get out of it?
2. Take a moment to think about your life: what moments in your life have shaped who you are? What life events and/or decisions have you made that have been critical in bringing you to where you currently are in life?
3. What did your faith look like growing up? Who influenced your picture of God?
4. People shape our faith (for better or worse). **Read Exodus 18:13-23.** Moses has just lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt, through the Red Sea and out into the wilderness on their way to a new home. Moving this large community through the desert, Jethro (Moses' father-in-law) has some words of advice for Moses: "It is *not good* for you to go it alone!" Can you think of a time in your life when you, *like Moses*, have tried to "go it alone?"
5. Can you think of a time in your life when you, *like Moses' father-in-law*, recognized the importance of not "going it alone"? When have you seen clearly how being connected with others made a difference in your life?

MOVING FORWARD

It has been said that "Faith is caught, not taught." There is a direct correlation between our faith and our connectedness to others who share that faith. Write down the names of all the people who feed your faith. Then (I dare you!) tell them—shoot them a text or call them—and let them know how your faith is fed through them.

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.