



CONNECT GROUP GUIDE: BETTER CONNECTED—WEEK 5

During the first 4 sessions, you've become better connected as a group and hopefully you've seen how God uses the relationships we share to deepen our faith – faith is caught, not taught. God uses other people to grow us, and he uses us to grow other people! You've invested time sharing your stories and getting to know one another.

Now it's time to decide "what next?"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What have you enjoyed most about this group? What surprised you about your group?
2. What challenges, if any, has the group experienced? Has there been anything that has stood in the way of you participating?
3. What advice would you give to someone thinking about joining a group? ...Or, starting a group?
4. **Read Hebrews 12:1-2a.** When it comes to our faith lives, we each "run" our own "race." How have others helped, influenced or supported you as you "run that race"?
5. In the short time you've been together as a Connect Group, what effect has your participation in this group had on you? What value has it brought you?
6. We hope this has been a meaningful 5 weeks of becoming better connected to one another and to God. In the next couple of weeks, we've built in a natural break for all groups. Your group leader will contact you individually to collect feedback on your Connect Group experience and to see if you would like to continue meeting with this group. Sometimes leaders or members will want or need to step away. Maybe changing family schedules or travel plans mean you need to tweak your group times. It's OK for groups to adjust. And if this group isn't a fit for you at this time, don't worry about it. And don't give up on the idea of getting better connected. All groups are different; there's one out there for you!

One thing we truly believe is that groups are most successful when they set clear expectations. If you decide to keep this group, we suggest you agree on the following:

- The group will be a closed group unless all members agree to add new people.
- Group members agree to: Show up. Join in. Be Real.
- Members agree to pray for other group members on a weekly basis.

MOVING FORWARD

To make Connect Groups easy, beginning in November, Calvary will produce weekly Connect Group Discussion Guides that relate to theme discussed in worship, similar to the guides used during this Better Connected Series.

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.