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Connect Groups

At ACN, the primary avenue for discipleship is in a Connect Group.

We strongly encourage everyone to be involved because these groups are specifically designed to help us grow as disciples.

The normal pattern for a Connect Group time is to have three sections: connecting with each other, connecting with the Word and connecting with God through prayer. These can happen in any order.

We need time to relate to one another by connecting personally. Depending on the members, this can be done in a variety of ways.

As we get into the Word, we examine its truth and relevance in order to apply it to our lives. Scripture is explored, explained and discussed, and the goal is to minister to each other's lives through what is learned, not necessarily to finish all the material.

Prayer is a vital part of a Connect Group's time together. Leave plenty of time so your prayer is not rushed. This is not just an 'opening' or 'closing' prayer, but a time for everyone in the group to take specific requests to God, in a simple and conversational way. This is where the action is! The goal is to create a space where people feel enabled and comfortable to pray, and can see God at work.



Introduction

What has been your experience of a long awaited promise being fulfilled?

What is your 'comfort level' in understanding or talking about the Holy Spirit?

Read Genesis 11:1-9 followed by Acts 2:1-12

1. What stands out to you from these two passages? How are they connected?
2. How important is good communication for our ability to witness to Jesus?
3. What did the Spirit enable the believers to do?
4. What effect did that have?

Read Romans 8:14-17

5. Who are the children of God?
6. What are the privileges of the Spirit's testimony in our lives?

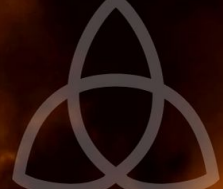
Read John 14:15-17

7. Who has the Spirit been given to?
8. How is the Holy Spirit described?

Prayer

Ask the Holy Spirit to be at work in you as you get to know Him better, and as you grow in love and obedience to the Son.

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Introduction

Share about a relationship you've had with someone who was important to you. What made it special?

Read Genesis 1:24-28

1. How does this passage point us towards the Trinity?
2. What encouragement is there that it is possible to know God?
3. What does this passage tell us about relationship?

Read 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

4. How do these verses say we should respond to 'one another'?
5. Can you find other 'one another' passages in the New Testament?
6. The Apostle Paul never uses the term 'Trinity', but what does this passage teach us about his understanding of God?

Read John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

7. What do we discover about the 'one another' relationships in the Trinity?
8. How are we included?

Prayer

Oh blessed Trinity, in whom we know the Maker of all things, seen and unseen, the Saviour of all, both near and far: by your Spirit enable us so to worship your divine majesty, that with all the company of heaven we may magnify your glorious name, saying, Holy, holy, holy. Glory to you, O Lord most high. Amen.

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