

FIRST THINGS FIRST - We're Better Together

Connection Points

Matthew 6:33

Everybody is better than somebody.

We are better together!

Matthew 18:20

Acts 2:42-47

4 Marks of Real Community

We all need a place...

1. To Know and be Known.

1 Corinthians 13:12, Genesis 3:10, James 5:16

We are only as sick as our secrets!

2. To Love and be Loved.

Romans 12:9-10, John 13:35

3. To Serve and be Served. (John 13:1-17)

Matthew 20:28, Ephesians 2:10

4. To Celebrate and be Celebrated.

Romans 12:10

- What's celebrated gets repeated!
- If you think it and it's good, say it now.
- At The Connection Church, we grow larger and smaller at the same time.
- People are belongers before they're believers.

Connection Group Discussion Questions

- How much unity and purpose do you experience in being a part of our church and this group?
- How has God shown you more about who He is through the church and other believers?
- What are some ways we can know, love, serve, and celebrate one another in our group?
- Are there any needs in our church that need to be met that God is calling us to do something about?
- Read Hebrews 10:23-25. How important is it to you to meet regularly in our group? Why do you think consistency is important?
- Do you know someone who needs to be invited to our group?
- Evaluate the relationships you have with the people God has brought to our group. Are you actively trying to know, love, serve, and celebrate each one of them? How can you contribute to the overall health of our group through your involvement in these areas? Look for opportunities this week to do all four.
- Pray that we would be a community of believers who are devoted to one another in the way we see in Acts 2. Ask that God would strengthen our relationships and urge us to move forward in love, desiring to connect others into the same relationship you have found with God in Christ Jesus.

For Further Reading:

- John 13:34-35
- Romans 12:1-21
- 1 Corinthians 13
- Ephesians 4:1-6