

RE:CONNECT

September 2, 2018

Last Week:

Andy shared 4 Big Ideas about God last week and how what we believe about them either connects or disconnects us with Him. (See list below)

Why people don't connect:

1. God loves me as long as...
2. God is life-taking
3. He's distant
4. I can't trust Him

Why people stay connected:

1. God loves me as I am
2. God is life-giving
3. He's close
4. He's a promise keeper

We talked about some changes we could make about what we are believing in order to move to the right side. How was last week?

Icebreaker:

What is your favorite thing about fall?

40 Truths About God That Everyone Should Read:

Read the second 5 verses and answer these questions together:

What truth(s) do I learn about God?

How does this encourage my faith?

What response can I have as a result?

Introduction:

During the first week of the series, we talked about **why** we connect with God. One the next three weeks we will discuss the how. There are a few different tools that God gives us to make it easier to connect with Him. Prayer, People and the Bible. This week Andy shared with us how God uses prayer to connect us with God.

Most of us would agree that in order to improve any relationship, we need to communicate with other person. We cant really have a close connection with a person without talking to them. He shared with us that there are 3 connection points we can have with God in prayer. The 3 points are in different ways of praying. (Help, Hope, and Heart)

Andy gave us the challenge to take the "Lord's Prayer" and make it personal. Share with each other how you were able to make it personal.

Digging Deeper:

What stood out to you this week from the message?

How would you explain the help type of prayers?

Have you ever bartered with God? Saying something like if you do this for me God, I will do this for you? How did that work out?

Is it okay to ask God to help with things? Do you feel like there are things we shouldn't ask God help for?

How would you explain the hope type of prayers?

How does adding hope prayers to your prayer life make a deeper connection with God?

The last prayer type was heart. This is where we just ask to sit with God. Is this difficult for you? Why is this difficult for me?

When have you tried this in the past?

What can my ridge group do to help me take steps in my prayer life?

Spend some time in prayer together adding all the types of prayer.

