

# CONNECT GROUP GUIDE

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## **RICH** **TOWARDS** GOD





## Some guidelines for Connect Group ...

- Come to the study prepared; preparation will greatly enrich your time together; it is recommended to take notes during the Sunday sermon, and to write down your thoughts as you prepare
- As part of your preparation, why not listen to the sermon again during the week (*most sermons are recorded and available on Apple Podcasts, and also on the website*)
- As you prepare, pray that God will speak to you through his word
- Be willing to participate in your group. Your sharing will greatly encourage all the other members as you grow together
- Stick to the topic - this allows everyone to participate on level ground and to go deeper into the Bible
- Be sensitive to others and listen attentively; affirm others, especially those who may feel timid or don't often share
- Your leader won't be lecturing, but helping members to think through the questions. Many questions don't have a 'right' answer, especially those that apply the Bible to our lives
- Be careful not to dominate, as it could inhibit others from sharing
- Expect God to teach you through the passage and through other members, and always pray that it will be a profitable time together

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*What do you like most in our worship services?*

**Read Luke 24:45-53**

1. What has helped you the most over the years in '*opening your mind to understand the scriptures*' in our services? How? Can you give a specific example?
  
2. v.46. At what point in our worship services do we celebrate that ...
  - the Messiah must suffer and rise from the dead on the third day?
  
  - repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations?
  
  - you are a witness?
  
  - the Holy Spirit has come?

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3. Why could the disciples worship Jesus with great joy when he had just left them?

**Read 1 Corinthians 11:17-29**

4. vv.24,25 Why might these verses be familiar?

5. What are we proclaiming every time we celebrate Holy Communion?

6. How would you distinguish between taking Holy Communion in an unworthy manner and taking it recognising you are a sinner?

**Read Revelation 7:9-12**

7. What impresses you about the worship of God in heaven?



- Pray for deeper insights into why we worship the way we do
- Pray that our Sunday worship might be pleasing to God because our midweek worship in serving others is consistent
- Pray for the gospel to permeate all of our worship

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*When it comes to money are you more naturally a saver or a spender?*

**Read Luke 12:13-21**

1. How might our society look different if everyone accepted that, *'life does not consist in an abundance of possessions?*
2. Is a life of ease sinful?
3. What is the difference between growing a business faithfully (or accumulating savings) and building bigger barns, like the man in the parable?



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**Read Philippians 4:10-20**

4. What do you think is the secret of contentment?

5. How can money be 'a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice pleasing to God'?

**Read 2 Samuel 24:18-25**

6. What does it mean for you to make an offering to God that costs you something?

7. If we think of David as a 'Christ-figure', what can we learn from Araunah's attitude to wealth?

**Concluding Question**

8. In order to be rich towards God, what principles do you use in determining your financial offering to God?

*(This question is asking about 'principles' not 'amounts'.)*



- Pray for God to show you the next step in generous giving to advance his Kingdom
- Pray for our church to reach the targets we have set ourselves in Vision 26
- Pray for the Wardens and Parish Council as they make decisions about our finances

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