

Small Group Study Guide

Big Idea: Connect2Care

IceBreaker: When have you felt cared for?

The Texts: Ephesians 4:1-7 & Hebrews 10:19-25

Questions for Discussion:

Read Ephesians 4:1-7

1. What kind of relationships are presented as worthy of our calling from Jesus?
2. What different types of actions are required to fulfill the command to “keep” something as opposed to the command to “create” something? (See verse 3)
3. How is the Trinity reflected in the commonalities of our faith in verses 4-7?

Read Hebrews 10:19-25

4. What are we to do together? (Note the repeated phrase, “let us...”)
5. Why do you think absence from the fellowship of other believers can become a habituated response to God and life?
6. What are some different ways you have been encouraged or cared for in the past?
7. Are you willing to make the commitments to Connect2Care?

Pray for each other.

3 ways to be involved in Connect2Care from now until Easter.

- Each week invite 2 people to attend the Sunday Gathering with you.
- If you miss someone on Sunday, Connect2Care within the first 2 days of the week.
- Pray that God would move in our Sunday Gathering to bring Jesus’ salvation and healing to people and to inspire us to take intentional action for greater Christ-likeness.

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Sermon Listening Guide

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”
John 1:14

Now to him who is able to do immeasurable more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.
Ephesians 3:20-21

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Big Idea: Connect2Care for Courage.

We are commanded to keep the unity of the Spirit because unity is a dominant characteristic of how The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit relate to each other in the godhead as One Being. Reaching out to each other in order to highlight the grace of God is an act of caring that can raise our courage for life.

The unity of the Father, Son, and Spirit is extended to us through our engagement in the Mission of God and our care for each other.

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.”
Ephesians 4:3-6

I can receive “care” from a variety of sources and at a variety of depths because I am not looking for people to ultimately satisfy the longings of my soul but for God to be enough.

4 Types of Relationships: Public, Social, Friend, Intimate

When you miss someone, Connect2Care.

Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another.

Hebrews 10:24-25

Affirm their worth.

Inquire.

Listen.

Point to the grace of God.

Create a “We.”

Are you in a small group?

Do you have a circle of friends with whom you share LIFE with Jesus? Cityview believes that one of the best spaces for advancing your LIFE with Jesus is in a small group or circle of friends who also share the some of the same commitments.

Here are some ways to get started:

1. Join a Community Group that already exists. Talk with Pastor Craig about which groups are available now.
2. Begin asking the community group questions in a household setting once a week.
3. Find another person who is willing to start a LIFE Transformation Cluster with you. Discover more about Transformation Clusters in the brochure on the book shelf in the worship auditorium.
4. Join a ministry team or take a course at Cityview in order to meet other people who might be interested in being in a small group.
5. Connect in other ministries of Cityview that use a small group format, like Celebrate Recovery.

One of our major wins at Cityview is to see people who were far from God become devoted LIFE transformed followers of Jesus Christ. Small group life and spiritual friendships are part of the journey. If you are missing out, take some first steps today towards making small group life a part of your lifestyle.



**Love God with your all. Include people in the grace of Jesus.
Find Freedom in the Truth. Engage the world as a servant.**

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