

SESSION 3 | GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

GET STARTED

Do you have a favorite product, restaurant, or business you love and tell people about? Why?

Think back on your personal journey with Jesus. **How did it all start? Who was the person that shared the Gospel with you? What was said that caused you to respond?**

New Groups: *Getting To Know You* activity (pg. 130)

TAKE IT IN

Watch Session 3: Connecting Others to Christ at mynorthside.com/ctu.

What encouraged or challenged you from the video and daily study guide this week?

TALK IT OVER

Read John 9:1-12; 24-25

We know from the passage that this man was born blind (v.1) and was a beggar (v.8). **How do you think this man's life was changed after regaining his sight (mentally, physically, emotionally, spiritually, etc...)? How does a person's life change after they start following Jesus?**

The video presented a couple reasons Christians feel uncomfortable sharing their faith.

- Sometimes you may feel like you don't have enough Biblical knowledge.
- Sometimes you may think you're too shy or introverted.

Which reason resonates with you? Can you think of any other reasons, if so share them with the group? How can you become more comfortable sharing your faith with others?

Jesus told his disciples the man was born blind, "so that the works of God might be displayed in him" (v. 3). Where the disciples saw a curse, Jesus saw an opportunity. **What do you learn from Jesus' compassion towards the man who was born blind? How does this change the way you see people? How does it change the way you view difficult circumstances?**

Read John 4:27-42

The 'Woman at the Well' is the story of a woman who had a bad reputation and was still loved by Jesus. When Jesus revealed who He was, she ran to town excited and told everyone about her meeting. **Share about a time when you got so excited about something God did that you shared it with someone (friend, family, work, social media, etc...).**

The disciples went to town and brought back food (John 4:8; 27; & 31). After talking to Jesus, the woman went to town and brought back the town. **What hinders you from being**

excited about the things God has done and/or is doing in your life? How can you cultivate a sense of awe and excitement when it comes to your relationship with God?

In John 4:34–38, Jesus uses the image of a farmer sowing and reaping to describe His mission. His conversation with the woman at the well helped bring about a spiritual harvest. **Where do you see God giving you opportunities to take part in a spiritual harvest (connecting people to Jesus or helping others live connected to Jesus)?**

In the video, we're reminded that outreach is a process rather than an event. **What does that mean? How does thinking of outreach/evangelism as a process take some of the pressure off of you as the one sharing the Gospel?**

Some Christians think it's enough to share their faith by just how they live. A witness, by definition, tells people about what they saw or what happened to them. **How do the ideas from the video make it easier for you to open up and share Jesus with people in your life?**

LIVE IT OUT

There's no question that connecting others to Jesus can be uncomfortable at times. But, the call of God in our lives is to do just that. As Romans 1:16a says, *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes..."* How we step into the challenge of connecting people to Jesus reveals the power of the Gospel in our lives. **Where or how is God calling you to share your faith with others? What about our group?** Ask God to give you the courage to share Jesus or to demonstrate His love through a kind act of service. As a group, pray for God to place people who need to know Jesus into each of your paths, to show you the right time to share your faith, and to give you the words to say.

Daily Devotions: Take 15-30 minutes each day to dive into the *Connecting The Unconnected* daily devotions. Don't think of it as homework, but time growing alongside your Heavenly Father. Come ready to discuss what you are learning at the next group session.

Memorize: *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* **Acts 1:8**

Communion Experience: Discuss your plans to complete the Communion Experience during Session 4 (pg. 131)