

SESSION 2 | GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

GET STARTED

“Connecting” is going to come up a lot in this study. **What is your preferred way to “connect” with someone: over coffee, an email, a call, or a text? Why?**

One way we connect with Christ is in our worship. **What is your favorite worship song? Explain why that song resonates with you.**

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TAKE IT IN

Watch Session 2: Connecting To Christ at mynorthside.com/ctu.

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

TALK IT OVER

One definition of connecting is “joining or linking things together, especially as to provide access and communication.”⁶ We join or link ourselves with others in different ways: by working together, spending time with people, and in our conversations. All of these give others a certain access to ourselves. **Who are the top three people you spend time with in any of the mentioned ways? How has society made it difficult for God or family to be higher on this list?**

Read John 4:23-24

Worshipping is an important part of connecting with the Lord. These verses in the book of John talk about worshipping the Father in “spirit and truth,” meaning we will worship with our whole heart while obeying the laws and commands of scriptures. **What might be keeping you from fully worshipping the Lord? Are you only worshipping in certain places, like church? Could a lack of understanding of the Bible’s truths be holding you back? Discuss ways you might be limiting your worship.**

Repenting is an important, and even a necessary, part of how to connect with Christ. Acts 3:19a (ESV) says that we should “*Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out...*” This suggests that there are times we need to reverse course from the direction we are heading. **How do you feel your life and/or faith**

⁶ Oxford Dictionary of English, Oxford University Press, 2025.

might be heading in the wrong direction, or maybe just feeling stuck right now? What are some ways you can start heading in the right direction or get unstuck?

Remaining in Christ means choosing daily communion over occasional connection. One way to stay connected to Christ is thinking about it like we do eating and drinking daily. Going an entire day without eating and/or drinking would be an extremely difficult task for any of us. The same should be true for our connection to Christ. **Would you say your relationship with Jesus is better categorized as “daily” or “occasionally?” Do you turn to Him only when you need something, or do you rely on Him daily to meet your needs?** Be honest with yourself and transparent with your group as you consider these questions.

LIVE IT OUT

Obedience to the Lord is another way we stay connected to Him. However, obedience has become a negative word in our culture that often promotes self-reliance and individual freedom. **Spend some time talking about the benefits of Godly obedience and/or the dangers of individual freedom. Wrap up by each stating out loud what changes you can make to be more obedient to Christ.** As a group pray over all the ways you are planning to pursue connecting to Christ.

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 if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him.” **1 John 2:5**