

SESSION 7 | GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

GET STARTED

What's something fun or meaningful that someone has taught you (i.e. drive, skill, game, cook, dance, song, etc...)? Share a story.

Have you ever taught someone how to do something fun or meaningful ? If so, share a story.

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

TAKE IT IN

Watch Session 7: Connecting To Community at mynorthside.com/ctu..

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

TALK IT OVER

Read Matthew 4:18-22

This whole study has been about connecting the unconnected to Christ, Community, and Calling. In other words, making disciples. **What do you find most intimidating about being a disciple maker and growing in this area? Why?**

The disciples initially responded to Jesus by simply following Him (John 1:35-50). Most scholars believe that it was 18 months later that Jesus began leading them to a deeper calling of fishing for people. **When it comes to helping people connect to their calling or disciple making, why are relationships important?**

Read John 17:6-19

Below are six intentional ways that Jesus equipped His disciples and the connecting questions.

- **"I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world..."** John 17:6a
How am I revealing God's character and priorities to those around me?
- **"For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them..."** John 17:8a
What is God teaching me through the Bible, and how am I sharing it?
- **"I pray for them..."** John 17:9a
Who am I praying for to know Jesus or grow closer to Him?
- **"While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe..."** John 17:12a
How am I caring for others and guiding them with love?
- **"...I have sent them into the world..."** John 17:18b
How am I getting out of my comfort zone to grow in faith and encouraging others to do the same?
- **"For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified."** John 17:19
How am I intentionally growing in God's character and priorities?

Which intentional way and connecting question resonates or challenges you the most? Why?

In verse 15, Jesus prays for the protection of His friends. Rather than asking for their removal from the world, He sends them into it, fully aware of their need for spiritual safeguarding. **What kind of opposition have you encountered for being a Christian? What kind of opposition do you think you will face connecting people to their calling and making disciples?**

We reproduce who we are. **How have you seen this playout in your own life? What is one next step you need to take to continue developing the character and priorities of Jesus in your life?**

A beginning step to disciple making (connecting others to Christ, Community, and Calling) is making a commitment to prayer. In Session 1, you were asked to identify your 1's (unconnected). **Who are the 99's in your life that need equipping? Between your 1's & 99's, how can you be praying for them?** Make a list of names, add in specific requests, and begin regularly praying.

Read Acts 4:13

A disciple is someone who connects to Jesus, lives connected to Jesus, and connects others to Jesus. The common denominator in all disciples is Jesus. **What have been your biggest takeaways from *Connecting The Unconnected* study? Moving forward, what is your next step to connect the unconnected to Christ, Community, and Calling.**

LIVE IT OUT

We all know more about discipleship than we realize. If a disciple is a follower, then we have made many disciples. It happens when we pass on a recipe or teach someone how to play fantasy football. It could be teaching your kids to share or showing them how to mow the lawn. Disciple making is showing others how to follow Jesus, which comes from our own journey of faith. Prayerfully reflect over the people in your life. Who is God calling you to help better connect to Christ, community, and calling? What next step do you need to take?

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: "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him." **Matthew 4:19-20**

Serve Experience: Discuss your plans to complete the Serve Experience (pg. 136).