

4. We can all help improve the quality of the relationship with the believers with whom we connect. How can you up the quality of your connecting?

SERIES: Connect
SERMON 3: "Fellowship"
TEXT: Hebrews 10:23-25
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Wall Street Woes and The Power of Connecting

5. How would you explain to someone that we are hard-wired for connection?

God Commands Quality Connection

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6. Look over the reasons why we don't connect from the sermon notes. If there was a time you weren't connecting with other believers, what got you to get reconnected?

Why Does God Command Quality Connection?

7. How has being in a small group helped you in your spiritual walk?

PRECEPT	PRINCIPLE	PERSON
C_____	We are _____ for connection	T_____

8. Looking back over this week's sermon, reading and study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply?

"The biblical doctrine of the Trinity tells us that the essence of life is relational because God is a relational God. God is community, and he made us for community. As people made in the image of God, we are deeply relational and interdependent creatures. The doctrine of the Trinity tells us that the core of reality is a God who lives as a community of happy, delighted love. God is a party of love." (Matt Woodley)

Why Don't We Connect?

- Individualism: I don't need others.
- Fear: Relational hurts and disappointments
- Personality: Introverted or shy
- Crisis: Health, finances, relational, etc.
- Disability: Yours or in the family
- Work: Crazy schedule, overtime, etc.
- Self-discipline: Good intentions but...
- Priorities: Lesser priorities take precedence
- Service: Always helping others and little time for self
- Procrastination: "I'll get around to it soon."

Solutions

- Be _____.
- Join a _____.
- Take a short-term _____.
- Initiate with two _____.
- Take on a bigger _____.
- Start a _____ group.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Hebrews 10:23-25

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. God commands us to connect with other believers in passages like Hebrews 10: 23-25? But when you look at what we're supposed to do when we connect this and other passages (e.g., encourage one another, speak and sing about God to one another, correct one another gently and humbly, look out for one another, forgive one another), it becomes obvious that we are called to have quality connections with one another. What conditions are necessary for these kinds of connections?
3. Think through the Story of God. Jot down a few ways the importance of community and connection are emphasized in the Bible.