



# Connect Church

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## **What's Next?** *(New Members Module)*

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# WHAT'S NEXT WILL TEACH YOU

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## INTRODUCTION

Thank You for choosing to be a part of Connect Church.

**We are Today's church ministering to Today's Issues with Timeless Truth!**

You are a servant at Connect Church. We are not a country club where your membership gives you exclusive rights. We are a place for you to serve and worship God. So get ready, because we believe that God wants to use you for His work in the world.

The What's Next Foundation class will teach you the essentials for being a Christian. Many people call themselves Christians but do not know what it means. In fact, in September 2010 an AP article was released that said non-Christians knew more about the Christian God than regular Christians. It went on to say that if you really wanted to know about the God of the Christian Bible you are better off asking a non-believer. We want to equip you to be a dynamic follower of Jesus because it will lead you to a successful life.

I urge you to take this class seriously. I believe it will be one of the most important Christian education classes you will encounter in your lifetime. We are going to teach you the fundamentals of being a Christian. By the end of this series you will know who you are, what you believe, and how to grow as a follower of Jesus Christ.

In this class the teacher covers;

- What does it take to get to Heaven
- What About Baptism
- Who is the Christian God, Who Is Jesus, Who is the Holy Spirit
- How does a Christian Grow, Bible Study, Prayer, Worship, and Giving,
- Become a C3 Christian
- Who is Connect Church

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# 1 WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A DISCIPLE OF JESUS?

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*Luke 9:57-62; Matthew 19:16-21; 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

- Does it mean a person that goes to church?
- Does it mean a person who loves Jesus?
- Does it mean a person that Jesus died for their sin?
- When people say I know God or have a relationship with God is that Christian?

In order to grow as a Disciple you must know what it means to be a Disciple. Therefore we must get into the word of God. A person can't know what a Disciple is without the word.

Christianity is not a self Help Program. It is not the way to avoid problems in life. Christianity is my life. I have given my life to God by accepting His son's death for my sin. Presently, my life is empowered by the Holy Spirit.

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## **What Does it Take to Get to Heaven?**

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**Believe & Accept Christ!** (John 3:16; Rom. 5:1; 8-9; Eph. 2:8-9) There are a lot of crazy messages going around about How to get saved. **We are saved by belief in Jesus Christ.**

### **Unclear Messages**

- Repent, believe, confess your sin to God, and confess Him before men and you will be saved
- Deny yourself and take up your cross daily and follow me (Luke 9:23???)
- Submit to God. Resist the Devil and He will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you (James 4:7-10???)
- Come forward and follow Christ in baptism
- Find Christ by praying through to Him
- Believe in Him, trust Him, accept Him, commit your life to Him
- Give your heart to Christ

**WE ARE SAVED BY BELIEF IN CHRIST ALONE! As a result...**

### **We are Set Free from bondage to Sin** (Rom 6:1-2)

As a result of Christ death, sin has been defeated and it has lost its hold on the believer. Currently, a believer must continually choose between Lordship of sin and Lordship of Christ. Death to sin is a forceful statement from Paul which relates to the power of sin being broken for the new person in Christ. Grace freed us from sin and it does not encourage sin but it encourages righteousness.

### **We Have a New Identity** (Rom 6:3-11)

Christ has set you free from sin and made you righteous. We now have a new identity. The believer is one with Christ in death and resurrection. If our death to sin is real then our resurrection to a new life is real.

### **We are Pursuing a Closer Relationship with God** (Rom 6:12-19)

The believer now has an inner dislike to sin, a moral energy to resist sin, and motivation to please a Holy God. The result of our salvation is the life long process of sanctification.

### **We are on a Mission to Bring Others to Christ** (Matthew 28:18-19 Luke 24:46-48; Acts 1:8)

Your mission is to share the love of Jesus with passion and fervor.

**We Can't Lose our Salvation** (Hebrews 10:11; John 10:28-30; John 6:39-40) Jesus died once for all sin. No one can steal you out of his hands. Jesus has never lost one person and he will not start with you.



## Who is the Christian God?

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A fool says in his heart that there is no God (Psalm 53:1)

The bible has harsh words for people that deny the existence of God. It literally says you must lack the ability to learn if you say that there is no God. Why?

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*Psalms 19:1-6; Romans 1:14, 20*

When you look out on the earth you see God's finger prints from creation. Even if someone believes in evolution they must answer who started evolution? It's a lot harder to have faith that all of a sudden something came from nothing than to believe that there was a divine author. Everything we look at came from a creator. My shoes were made by Nike. My wife's purse was made by Gucci. My refrigerator was made by Kenmore. My cell phone was made by Samsung. Yet, the earth is the only thing we look at and determine it was made by nothing. It is not just an incorrect theory but it is not an intelligent belief.

## Who is God?

Who is God the Father? He is immense! He is everywhere at the same time! He is eternal! He has no beginning and He has no ending! He is all knowing! He knows everything about everything! He is God! We can summarize who God is in two statements;

God is one...

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*Deuteronomy 6:4-5*

No other God can come before Him

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*Deut. 5:7; Luke 14:26-27*

## Who is Jesus?

Jesus is God! If He is anything less we cannot call ourselves Christian. Phil 2:6 Jesus existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped.

First Jesus claimed to be God.

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*John 10:30-33*

Second, others claimed He was God.

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*John 20:27-28; 2 Cor. 5:19*

Third, Jesus was prophesied to be God.

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*Isaiah 9:6*

Jesus was fully human! Though Jesus was God you cannot forget that He was fully human. When He was born Mary felt real birth pains. He grew up as a perfect child but He was still a child. Phil 2:7-8 Jesus emptied himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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Jesus is reigning Lord! People can blaspheme and call Jesus everything but God. Nevertheless one day their knee is going to bow before Him. Phil 2:9-11 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus Every Kneel will Bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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## Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is our Helper! John 16:5-7 But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, Where are You going?6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

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The Holy Spirit is working on Us! John 16:8-11 When the Holy Spirit comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

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## God is Trinity

God the father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit make up Who Jesus is! God is Trinity! I know trinity is not in the bible but the principle is all the way through it.

You can't have the Christian God without Jesus. You can't have the Christian God without the Holy Spirit. All are inter-connected and inseparable. You see it throughout all the scriptures.

Genesis 1:2 Before God said let there be light. Before God said let us make man in our image. It said the Spirit of God was hovering over the darkness and the waters.

Romans 8:26, 34 In prayer we pray to God and Jesus makes intercession for us. Nevertheless the Holy Spirit also groans on our behalf in words that are too deep for understanding

In all of the Gospels at the birth of Jesus it says God sent His son but He was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

In all of the Gospels it says Jesus was Baptized. When Jesus was baptized, God the father opened up the sky and said this is my son in whom I am well pleased. Then the Spirit descended on Him like a dove.

Apostles and prophets wrote God's word. The Apostles and prophets were writing the word of God, to present Jesus as the Savior, but 2 Peter 1:21 says Men wrote but they were carried by the Holy Spirit.

The Trinity may not be in the bible but the concept is all the way through it.

## 2 HOW DOES A DISCIPLE OF JESUS GROW

What is Spiritual Growth?

- To pursue a closer relationship with God
- Submission to Godly Character

Why should you want to grow Spiritually?

- What you were made to do (Rom 8:29)
- What you were commanded to be (1 Pet 1:15-16)
- So that you can see the Lord (Heb 12:14)
- Holiness is what real success is (Ecc 1:1-2, 12-14; 2:1-11 ;3:12-14)

How does God help us grow Spiritually?

- Through real relationships (Proverbs. 27:17; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)
- Through circumstances (Romans. 8:28; 2 Corinthians 4:17; 12:7-10)
- **Through Discipline (1 Timothy 4:7...Discipline yourself for the purpose of Godliness)**

Jesus was a Model of Discipline (Look at Mark 1:14-35)

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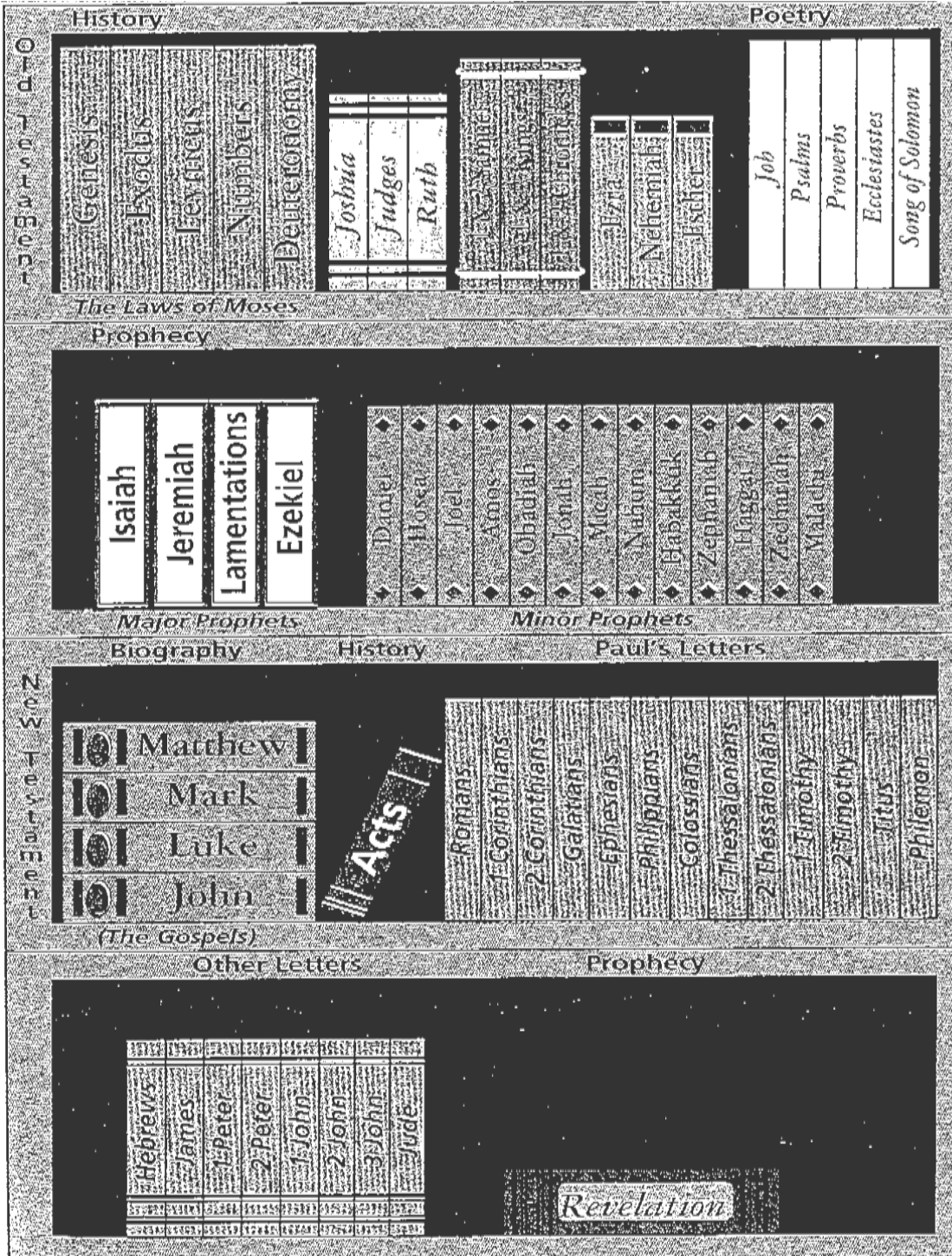
### Discipline of Bible Study

*Why Study the Bible?*

To Grow Spiritually (1 Peter 2:2; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)	To Guide Us in Our Lives (Psalms 119:105)
To Understand and Know God (Romans 1:20; Matthew 5:17-18; 2Corinthians 2:12-13)	To Change you to the Image of Christ (James 1:22-24)
To Fight Evil (Ephesians 6:11-17; Psalms 119:11)	

*Where Do I Start? Learn the Sections of the Bible*

Old Testament Sections	New Testament Sections
Law/Torah (First 5 Books)	Gospels (Matthew – John)
History of Israel (Joshua – Esther)	History of the Church (Acts)
Poetry (Job – Song of Solomon)	Paul's Letters (Romans – Philemon)
Major Prophets (Isaiah – Ezekiel)	General Letters (Hebrews – Jude)
Minor Prophets (Daniel – Malachi)	Apocalyptic (Revelation)



*1 Peter 2:2 Like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation.*

In the Bible God tells us about Himself, and especially about Jesus Christ, the incarnation of God. The Bible unfolds the Law of God to us and shows us how we've all broken it. There we learn how Christ died as a sinless, willing Substitute for breakers of God's Law and how we must repent and believe in Him to be right with God. In the Bible we learn the ways and will of the Lord. We find in Scripture how to live in a way that is pleasing to God. We also find a life that is best and most fulfilling for ourselves. This can only be found in the Bible. Therefore if we would know God and be Godly, we must know the Word of God – intimately.<sup>1</sup>

Regardless of how busy we become with all things Christian, we must remember that the most transforming practice available to us is the discipline of Bible Study.<sup>2</sup>

The bible will help one grow spiritually, understand and know God, and change you into the image of Christ (1 Peter 2:2; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Corinthians 2:12-13; Matthew 24:35; James 1:22-25).

### **Commit to Hearing God's Word**

Jesus once said, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it (Luke 11:28)." Merely listening to God-inspired words is not the point. The purpose of all Bible study is to become a doer of God's word. Jesus encourages listening and doing in this verse.

1 Timothy 4:13 says, until I come devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture. We are to discipline ourselves to go hear the word of the God.

### **Commit to Read & Study God's Word**

Jesus likely believed that believers should eventually be familiar with all of the Word of God. Jesus often asked questions about people's understanding of the word of God by saying, "Have you not read...? (Matthew 12:3,5:19:4;22:31;Mark 12:26)"

Reading gives us breadth but study gives us depth.<sup>3</sup>

Too many people misunderstand the scripture because they have not studied. When you hear, read, and study you can go toward praying and claiming what Scripture has promised believers in Christ.

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<sup>1</sup> Donald S. Whitney, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* (Colorado Springs, Colo.: NavPress, 1991), 25-30.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Jerry Bridges, *The Practice of Godliness* (Colorado Springs, CO: Navpress, 1983).

### **Commit to Memorizing the Word of God**

Many Christians look at the Discipline of memorizing God's Word as a grievous task with little benefit. To memorize scripture you must be motivated to do so. We will experience more spiritual victories when the scriptures are in us for the Holy Spirit to encourage and motivate when necessary. Scripture memory will help in ministry and in personal life guidance (Acts 2:14-40; Psalm 119:24). We can sometimes miss the voice of God but guidance from God is hard to misunderstand when a verse is brought to mind.

Memorizing the word of God will stimulate meditation on the word of God. The Psalmist in 119 desired to meditate on the word of God day and night. This would have required it to be in his memory (Psalm 119:97).

- Have a Plan for Scripture memory (My plan relates to the topics of worship, promises, Salvation, dealing with temptation, and the Lord's Prayer. Then praying from these promises regularly.)
- Write out the verse on a sheet of paper or index card
- Make it favorable for your learning style (Visual or Phonetic learning)

Despite the difficulty and spiritual opposition, are you willing at all costs, to begin using your mind in a disciplined way to feed on the Word of God for the purpose of godliness?

### **\*\*\*Challenges:**

- **Read the book of John over the next week.**
- **Read 1 chapter a day from the book of Proverbs for the rest of your life.**
- **Read the entire bible over the next year.**

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## **Discipline of Prayer**

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### **Prayer is a Requirement for the Christian Life**

Our world has plenty distractions. These will hinder our communication with God. Theologians of our past would spend hours in prayer. Martin Luther, the father of the Church reformation, would spend 3 to 4 hours per day in prayer. He had manual responsibilities like cutting wood for fires, caring for his horses and other livestock. However, he did not have the distractions of TV, internet, cell phones, etc... With all of our distractions it is harder for us to concentrate all of our thoughts on communing with God in prayer. Yet we must!

- Jesus expected His followers to have a vibrant prayer life (Luke 11:5-8; 18:1-8)
- Followers of Christ are commanded to pray (Col 4:2; 1 Thess 5:17)

### **Lord Teach us to Pray**

We should say like the disciples, Lord teach us to pray (Luke 11:1). The Holy Spirit teaches prayer yet it can also be learned in a pursuit of a life of prayer.

- Study prayer warriors of the past (All great men and women in ministry show evidence of a powerful prayer life)
- Study prayers from the bible (Psalm 5:1; 19:14; Habakkuk 1-2)
- Meditate on scriptures during prayer (Prayer and meditation on scripture is linked to Spiritual Growth)

### **Pray Corporately**

There is additional power in agreeing in prayer with other believers. The problem is that many corporate prayers use meaningless words, repetitions, and theatrics to impress during prayer. In ministry you should have a group of believers dedicated to pray for you (Matt 6:7; 18:19-20).

### **Prayer is Answered**

Prayer is answered! Yet this is probably the most overlooked principle in prayer. Jesus said ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks the door will be opened (Matt 7:7-8).

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## Discipline of Worship

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Worship can be described as connecting with God giving him high esteem and worth. It is what every created being was created to do. It is to give God the proper worth and to magnify his worthiness. Worship is focused on God. Worship is diverse in its approach. Worship is sacrificial. Worship is giving Excellence. (2 Samuel 6:12-23; Matt 19:16-22; John 12:1-6; Ephesians 1:11-12)

### **Old Testament words related to Worship**

מִנְחָה (Min-Hah) To offer a gift or tribute to God (Example: Gen 4:2-5)

קָרְבָן (Qar-Ban) A general offering to God or deity (Example: Lev 1:3)

קָרַב (Qa-rev) To draw near or come close and can be tied to worship (Example: Lev 9:7; Num 3:4)

### *Most Frequently Used words*

עֹלָה (Ho-la) A whole burnt offering offered to God (Gen 22:1-13)

הִשָּׁתַחֲוֶה (Ha-vah) To worship and/or bow down (Ps 95:6; 96:9; 99:5)

### **New Testament words related to Worship**

Προσκυνέω (Pros-ku-neao) To bow down and worship (Matt 2:11)

αἰνέω (Ai-nea-o) To praise or extol (Luke 2:20)

## Worship should be Spirit and Truth

Whitney says, The most profound passage on worship in the New Testament is John 4:23-24. Jesus said, Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and truth. Before Jesus describes what true worship is the context gives an example to enhance the explanation. The Samaritans were hated by the Jews yet Jesus is asking a Samaritan woman for a drink. The Samaritan woman had five husbands. The Samaritans believed they were to worship at this mountain while Israel believed they were to worship at the temple. Jesus offers her living water where she will never thirst again. Jesus explains that the requirements for worship were not a mountain, a certain race, or even a perfect life. The requirement for worship was the living water that you can only get from Christ. This in essence is the requirement for Spirit and Truth worship (John 4:7-30). Spirit and Truth Worship for Christ is to God, through Jesus Christ, by the Holy Spirit.

## **Get a Discipline of Worship**

Hebrews 10:25 Do not forsake the assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

- Develop the habit of coming together with other believers to worship God
- Develop the habit of worshipping God privately

There are experiences with God that He gives only in our private worship. Jesus participated faithfully in the public worship of God at the synagogue each Sabbath and at the public assemblies at the temple in Jerusalem. There are experiences with God that He gives only in our private worship. Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed (Luke 5:16). Focusing on the world more than on the Lord makes us more worldly than Godly. But if we are to be Godly we must focus on God. Godliness requires disciplined worship.

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## Discipline of Giving & Stewardship

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Much of our life is spent working in exchange for money. Therefore, a great sign of Godliness is how we spend and manage our time and money. How we use our time and money represents us. (Matt6:21 - Where your treasure is there your heart will be also.)

### God Owns Everything

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it (Psalm 24:1). The whole earth is mine (Exodus 19:5). Everything under heaven belongs to me (Exodus 19:5). We are only managers of what God has given us. Some people practice tithing as if they are giving God 10%. God owns 100% and we should be grateful that he has allowed us to use any of it.

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### Giving is an Act of Worship

Paul said, "I have been refreshed by the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God (Philippians 4:18)." Have you ever thought of giving as worship? Giving to God is a tangible way of adoring and worshiping Him. During a worship service we sing songs, pray, read the bible, and other things. I have learned that it is important to not neglect giving in our worship. At Connect, you will not be manipulated to give. You will not be bombarded with multiple offerings. We hope that you view giving as a part of your worship. Therefore, every week you come before God ready to worship through your giving. No one should appear before the Lord empty-handed (Deuteronomy 16:16).

A Gallop poll was taken that said the more Americans make the less they give. Those making less than \$10k a year gave an average of 2.8 percent of their income each year to churches, charities, and other non-profit organizations. Those making \$10k to 30k give an average of 2.5 percent, those making 30k to 50k give 2.0 percent, and those making 50k to 75k give a total of only 1.5 percent of their income to churches and all other non-profits. Do you have money? Does your money have you?

- Give from a loving heart to God (Mark 12:41-44)
- Give with extreme generosity (2 Corinthians 8:1-5)
- Give thankfully, willingly, and cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:7)
- Giving results in Bountiful Blessings (Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

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Giving is outwardly recognizing the source of your provision. It is a process God uses to teach us to fear, honor, and depend on Him. Giving 10% of your income is only a start in terms of New Testament Giving. You should work toward giving more than 10% of your income. When you are barely making ends meet is especially the time when you should be intentional about giving to God. Giving a portion of your finances to God is an act of faith. It says that you believe that He will be true to His Word. God is your source. Remember that. Everyone and everything else—your job, your family, your friends, the bank—they are resources. But giving to God says that you are aware that He alone is your source and He alone will meet your needs.

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## **Discipline of Telling Others About God (Evangelism)**

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To grow as a Christian it requires that we discipline ourselves in the practice of evangelism (Matt 28:18-19; Mk 16:15; Lk 24:46-48; Acts 1:8).

### **What is Evangelism**

A simple definition is to communicate Jesus died for sin and you must believe in Him to be a follower of God and to receive eternal life. It is simply communicating the Gospel.

Every follower of Christ should be committed to Evangelism. The apostles will never come to your home, neighborhood, or place of work. In order for Christ to become known His witnesses must be disciplined to make him known.

### **You Have the Power to tell people about God**

Many Christians feel too unprepared for the challenge of evangelism.

First, The power of evangelism is the Holy Spirit. From time of your confession of Christ He indwells and gives power to witness. In Acts 1:8 He stressed you will receive power and you will be my witnesses.

Second, The Gospel carries its own power. Romans 1:16 says I am not ashamed of the Gospel because it is the power of God for those who believe. People can be converted by a teenager, Pastor, Sunday School, teacher, or even a child. The Gospel carries its own power. We could get discouraged if we experience rejection in evangelism. However, God has elected whom He will call and who He has chosen (Romans 8:29-30). We must be willing to give the Gospel and God knows who will respond.

### **Ways to Enhance your Evangelism**

- Make sure your Message is clear

We are sinners and we are saved by belief in Christ alone (Ephesians 2:8-9 and Romans 5:1).

- Host a social event in your neighborhood

Some people may not come to a church but they will come to your house for game night, food, and fun. This is a great opportunity to get to know people and show the love of Christ. These can turn into neighborhood bible studies.

- Make Evangelism a natural flow from your Christian life.

You should be able to talk about what the Lord has done for you and what he means to you comfortably (Matt 5:16).

- Get Comfortable with starting general conversations with people.

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The common things people feel at ease talking about are Family, Job, and Background.

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**\*\*\*Challenge:** Host a fun fellowship event for your community. We will help you do it.

<b>SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES CHART</b>			
<b>Solitude</b>	<i>Spend time alone with God to get perspective on your normal routine</i>	<b>Study</b>	<i>Meditate on the Word of God gain perspective on your life</i>
<b>Silence</b>	<i>Spend time listening with no noise to gain perspective on self and people in life</i>	<b>Worship</b>	<i>Proclaiming the Greatness of God</i>
<b>Fasting</b>	<i>Self-Denial of food to discover dependence on God</i>	<b>Celebration</b>	<i>Discover God's goodness to me.</i>
<b>Stewardship</b>	<i>Management of all my resources (i.e. time, money, responsibilities, etc...)</i>	<b>Service</b>	<i>Do things for the good of others</i>
<b>Chastity</b>	<i>Abstain from sex to discover fulfillment from God</i>	<b>Prayer</b>	<i>Conversing with God</i>
<b>Secrecy</b>	<i>Deny acknowledgement for deeds</i>	<b>Fellowship</b>	<i>Commitment to Community</i>
<b>Sacrifice</b>	<i>Self-Denial to discover dependence on God</i>	<b>Confession</b>	<i>Honesty and openness about personal flaws</i>
<b>Submission</b>	<i>Giving in to leadership</i>	<b>Evangelism</b>	<i>Sharing the message of the Gospel</i>
<b>Learning</b>	<i>Obtaining Truth</i>	<b>Journaling</b>	<i>Writing bible learning and daily living experience</i>

\*\*\***Challenge:** Every Week try some disciplines from this chart. It will help you enhance your relationship with God

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## 3 BECOME A C<sup>3</sup> DISCIPLE

Everyone that chooses to serve at connect should strive to be a C3 Christian. We become connected with God by our belief in Jesus Christ. As a follower of Christ you should be connected to other believers. Followers of Christ should be connected to their ministry. Your commitment to a ministry will share or assist in sharing the message of Christ with others.

Connect to God → through Christ by the Holy Spirit

Connect to Each Other → through Real Relationships

Connect to Your Ministry → through Your Service



### Connect to God

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At Connect we want to get you connected with God. We are sinners separated from God (Romans 3:23). We were dead in our sins (Ephesians 2:1). Jesus came to seek and save the lost so that we can have a relationship with God (Luke 19:10). For the rest of our lives we are pursuing relationship with God.

The sacrificial system in the Old Testament gives us a picture of how sin separates us from God. It will also help us grasp what Christ accomplished on the cross.

Look at Leviticus 10:1-3; 16

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Related Ministries: Sunday Worship, Mid-Week Bible Study, Saturday Modules, Prayer Ministry, etc...

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## Connect to Each Other

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At Connect we want you to connect with Real Friendships. If one attempts to live the Christian Life alone they will fail. We were made for relationships. Godly friends will sharpen your faith (Prov. 27:17). Believers doing life together will help each other have stronger faith and walk with God (Heb 10:23-25; Ecclesiastes 2:9-12).

Look at 1 Sam. 18:1-4; 19:1-7; 20; 23:15-18

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Related Ministries: Connection Groups, Crisis Management Programs, Pastoral Counseling, fellowship w/ fun, etc...

## Connect to Your Ministry

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At Connect you should find a place to serve people with your gifts. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. 6 There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. 7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Christians are servants! Jesus was the greatest of example of servant hood. God has gifted you with something that will advance His cause and purpose in the world. Look for ways to use your gift.

Look at John 13:4-7; Romans 1:1; 1 Cor 3:5; Phil 1:1; Titus 1:1; James 1:1; 2 Peter 1:1; Jude 1

Ministries of Connect	
Children's Ministry Wednesdays 7pm & Sundays 10:45am (Melinda Jackson, Sandra Smith , Karen Briggs)	Finance Ministry (Deacon Winfred, Barbara Henry, Jackie Jones)
Youth Ministry Wednesdays 7pm (Candice Richardson)	Media Team (Kyle Brown)
Women's Connect Group	Men's Connect Group
Crisis & Outreach Ministry (Minister Bea Weaver)	Worship Team (Steven Hayes, Lamartria Andrews)
Prayer Ministry (Minister Lisa Wardsworth)	Children's Choir & Productions (Andrea Johnson)

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## 4 WHAT IS CONNECT CHURCH

### **We Preach The Truth (Bible)**

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Ministering truth is what we do best. We strive to teach you the truth! Connect Church has the best teaching in Atlanta. If you want to know the truth you must experience the sound teaching at any of our Weekly Services.

### **We Are A Ministry For The Entire Family**

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Ministering to families is what we do best. We have a fraternity of men that is making boys into dynamic men of God that lead in the family and in the community. We have a circle of women that motivate each other toward personal wellness and Spiritual Growth. We have a Children and Youth Ministries that are fun, exciting, educational, and bringing them into growing relationships with Christ. We provide dynamic ministry to every member of the family.

### **We Are A Place For Restoration**

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Ministering to Crisis is what we do best. Everyone experiences painful situations from addictions, divorce, adultery, etc... Our Connections groups will be a refuge in your crisis. You can find support from others who have been there. We also provide 2 free counseling sessions from licensed and professional Christian Counselors.

### **We Are Authentic**

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Authenticity - We are Real! We are tired of seeing so many ministries fail because of Counterfeit Christians. We are not perfect! However, we are believers that will be honest about our flaws and shortcomings. We will be a place where you will find acceptance, love, and support to guide you toward consistent Christian Life.

### **We Are Accountable**

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We are Accountable! You should be accountable! Many churches have failed in their financial practices, dealings with women, dealings with children, and other moral practices. We will be accountable to the highest degree. - No leader is allowed to counsel someone of the opposite sex in a private setting without windows. - Any counseling sessions must be known by at least 1 other ministry leader in the church - 2 adults are always required to be with Children (In emergency situation you can call an adult on speaker phone if adult is not available).

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## **We Strive For Excellence**

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We are not perfect but we're working on it. We are always striving to give God our best in everything. We strive to have the best technology, brilliant graphics, well-prepared worship, preaching, events, and doing everything in an excellent way.

### **5 MY COVENANT**

Connect Church is not a Country Club where membership gives you exclusive rights. Instead, Connect Church is a place for you to serve Christ.

We're not perfect. You are not perfect. However, we both should be working on it together. Let us help you strengthen your relationship with God at our weekly services and studies. Get connected to Godly friendships through our Connection groups and mentoring relationships. Find your place to serve. God has gifted you with a gift that he wants you to bless us with. We will help you get plugged in. Connect to a great God! Connect to a great Life!

God Bless you!

May we enjoy the journey of Life together!

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