

RE:CONNECT

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Last Week:

A Story Worth Sharing Workshop...We had an opportunity to look at 2 tools that every believer needs to have in their evangelism toolbox- Your Personal Testimony and a clear presentation of the gospel (we used one verse evangelism). Talk with your group and see who finished their personal testimony homework. Take as much of group time as needed to share stories with each other. The links to the resources are below:

<https://www.cru.org/us/en/train-and-grow/share-the-gospel/evangelism-principles/preparing-your-personal-testimony.html>

<https://www.cru.org/us/en/train-and-grow/share-the-gospel/evangelism-principles/how-to-tell-your-story-worksheet.html>

<https://www.cru.org/us/en/train-and-grow/share-the-gospel/evangelism-principles/10-tips-for-sharing-your-testimony-with-others.html>

Talk about a time when you have shared your story with someone else.

Icebreaker:

What was the high and low of your summer?

40 Truths About God That Everyone Should Read:

Read the first 5 verses and answer these questions together:

What truth(s) do I learn about God?

How does this encourage my faith?

What response can I have as a result?

Introduction:

Week 1 will be more about asking the question of not how I connect with God, but *why*? Why should I listen to Him? And, what are the factors that contribute to people who connect with God more often and what is it they receive or benefit from by doing that? That is the question that needs to be answered this week.

What stood out to you this week from the message?

Andy shared 4 Big Ideas about God this week and how what we believe about them either connects or disconnects us with Him. (See list below)

Why people don't connect:

1. God loves me as long as...
2. God is life-taking
3. He's distant
4. I can't trust Him

Why people stay connected:

1. God loves me as I am
2. God is life-giving
3. He's close
4. He's a promise keeper

Take the list one at a time and talk about them individually.

How are you doing in seeing God for who he really is?

Where are you on the left side of things?

What changes can you make about what you are believing in order to move to the right side of that big idea?

How can my Ridge Group come alongside me in my next step?

