

Connected in Community

How can we help people reconnect with church?

1. _____ why they left

2. _____

3. _____ a better way

For Further Reflection and Discussion

Opener: Who was the most interesting person who ever visited you or your family?

How did you encounter God at church this Sunday?

How's your experience with the "Connect Four" emphasis been so far?

- What have you noticed about Jesus and his interactions with people as you have been engaging with Scripture?
- How have you heard God speaking as you have been praying for your "four"?
- Has God given any opportunities for a conversation about spiritual things with any of the people you are praying for?

Of the people you are praying for, how many would you say have a relationship with God but are disconnected from church?

What reasons have you heard as to why people disconnect from a church community?

Has there been a time in your life when you weren't connected to church, or when you found it tough to stay connected? Why was that? What helped you through that time?

Look at Ephesians 2:18-19, I Timothy 3:15, and Romans 8:14-16. What image of the church is presented in these verses? How would living out this identity better address the reasons people disconnect from church?

- Look at I Corinthians 12:27 and Ephesians 4:12 and ask the same questions.
- Look at I Corinthians 3:16 and Ephesians 2:21-22 and ask the same questions.

What kind of response is God prompting you to make in light of the teaching on Sunday and this discussion?