

Life Group Discussion Series : January 30th – March 16th 2011 (5 - 6 weeks, plus a celebration eve on Wed 16/3)
Series Theme: *Connecting with God*
Aim of this series: *To help us get to know God in a more personal & life-changing way*

Week #3 Dates: Feb 14-18

Today's Topic: God, Me, & Others

Aim: To appreciate how much we need others to help us, as we connect with God.

Let's Focus on – the Supporting Relationships of Others

Q. Wood burns hot in a fire, but what happens if you take out a branch and leave it by itself? (_____)
The encouragement of other Christians keeps us spiritually alight & full of faith. We need God, & others.

Q. (further questions/comments) _____

Observation. Let's Look

Some relevant Bible verses to read & discuss. **Refs: Jn 13:34-35; Heb 10:24-25; Acts 2:42-47.**
(As needed, read a few verses before & after, to clarify context)

Q. As you read these scriptures, what are some of the most striking things that have to do with relationships.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Discussion. Let's talk about a few points. (Group leader: feel free to form your own questions as you wish.)

1. How much do we focus on our own self, & how much do we 'consider how we may spur one another on', as we are urged to do in Heb 10:24 ? (Discuss)

Q. _____

2. 'God can use meaningful relationships to love you, heal your pain, confront you with truth, & teach you to do the same for others.' Could anyone share how this has been true in their experience? (Discuss)

Q. _____

3. How much do we need other people to help us grow spiritually and personally? Is it really possible to grow as a person, to practice forgiveness, and learn to love, without sharing in some meaningful relationships? (Discuss)

Let's Summarize & Apply all this

Let's review some of what we've said.

Q. What do you think is the most important truth here?

Q. _____

Let's decide how we can respond.

Q. What could we do? What should we do?

Q. _____

Conclusion. Try to express the main idea in a short sentence. (eg re-state today's topic in your own words)

Pray. Express your commitment to grow closer to God, and to risk forming closer relationships with others.