



Lessons For Connection Groups



Discussion Questions For Connection Group Leaders

“INTIMACY WITH THE GREAT I AM”

Each week you will want to include the following components in your Connection Group meeting:

1. **Welcome** – This is a time for our group to have a little fun together and to get better acquainted with each other. It is a fantastic opportunity for us to glean insights into the life of each member. Use the group opener questions for this section of the meeting.
2. **Worship** – This is an occasion for us to turn our focus in the right direction. We spend time in praise and adoration to the Lord for who He is and what He has done in our lives. Let the worship lead you into a time of Spirit lead prayer and ministry to each other.

Ministry: Allow your group members to edify each other with the spiritual gifts that God has given to them. Pray for each other and allow the Spirit to minister through His people.

Is there a prophetic word? (A word of exhortation, edification, comfort) Is there a word of tongues and an interpretation? Does someone need special prayer? Etc.

3. **Word** – As a group, we open God’s Word, and we discuss the topic before us and learn how to apply the Word of God to our everyday situations. We take the sermon that was preached and make it applicable and practical to our everyday situations.
4. **Works** – We discuss and plan how we as a group will actively reach out to the lost and hurting around us. This is where we strategize how we will put “shoe leather” to the truth of God’s Word.

WHO IS GOD? UNVEILING THE GREAT I AM

Scripture References: Exodus 3:14-15

Group Opener: (*Choose a question for your connection group to discuss.*)

1. If you could have any name that describes who you are, what would it be and why?
2. Have you ever been in a situation where you felt unqualified for a task, like Moses? How did you respond?

Discussion Questions:

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1. In Exodus 3:14, God reveals Himself as "I AM WHO I AM." What does this name tell us about God's nature? How is He different from the gods of Egypt?
2. Why do you think Moses asked God for His name? What does this reveal about Moses' concerns and fears?
3. How does the phrase "**I AM**" express God's **self-existence, eternity, and unchanging nature**? (See Isaiah 44:6 & Hebrews 13:8.)
4. Jesus used "I AM" statements in the New Testament (John 8:58, John 6:35, John 14:6). How do these declarations connect Jesus to the God of Exodus?
5. When Moses doubted himself, God reassured him with **His presence** ("I will be with you" – Exodus 3:12). How does this parallel God's promise in Matthew 28:20?
6. What are some false "gods" or sources of security that people trust today? How does knowing the I AM free us from relying on them?
7. How does understanding that God is unchanging affect the way you handle uncertainty and fear in your life?
8. God revealed His name to Moses because He wanted a personal relationship with His people. What are some ways you can grow in intimacy with God this week?
9. If Jesus is the "IAM" and the only way to salvation (John 14:6), how should this truth shape the way you share the gospel with others?
10. What is one area of your life where you must trust that the I AM is in control? How can you surrender that to Him today?

Intentional Discipleship:

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I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

Scripture References: John 6:22-59

Group Opener: (*Choose a question for your connection group to discuss.*)

1. What is your favorite type of bread or food? Why do you enjoy it so much?
2. Have you ever eaten a big meal but felt hungry again shortly after? What does that experience teach us about temporary satisfaction?

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1. In John 6:26, Jesus tells the crowd that they are seeking Him for the wrong reasons. What were they looking for, and how does this compare to how people seek Jesus today?
2. Jesus speaks of two types of bread—perishing bread and eternal bread (John 6:27). What is the difference between the two? Why does Jesus warn against working for food that perishes?
3. The people ask in John 6:28, “What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?” How does Jesus’ answer in John 6:29 challenge the idea that salvation is based on works?
4. In John 6:30-31, the crowd asks for another sign and compares Jesus’ miracle to the manna given to Israel in the wilderness. Why do you think they were not satisfied with what Jesus had already done?
5. Jesus corrects their understanding in John 6:32-33, saying that Moses did not give them the true bread, but God does. How does this reveal the difference between physical provision and spiritual provision?
6. When Jesus declares in John 6:35, “I am the bread of life,” what does He mean? How does believing in Him satisfy spiritual hunger?
7. Jesus calls Himself the Bread of Life. What are some “temporary breads” that people try to feed on instead of Christ (e.g., success, money, relationships, entertainment)?
8. In John 6:37, Jesus says, “the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.” How does this verse encourage you when you struggle with doubts or failures?
9. What does it mean to “feed on Jesus” daily? How can we practically do this in our daily walk with God?

10. How can you encourage someone this week to seek Jesus as the true Bread of Life instead of looking for temporary fulfilment?

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I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Scripture References: John 8:12-19

Group Opener: (*Choose a question for your connection group to discuss.*)

1. Have you ever been in complete darkness where you couldn't see anything? How did you feel at that moment?
2. What is something in your life that brings you joy or hope, like light in the darkness?

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1. In John 8:12, Jesus declares, "I am the light of the world." Why do you think Jesus used light as a metaphor for Himself?
2. How does the setting of Jesus' statement (during the Feast of Tabernacles with the large temple lamps) enhance the meaning of His declaration?
3. The Pharisees challenge Jesus' testimony in John 8:13-14. Why do they reject His claim, and how does Jesus respond?
4. Jesus says in John 8:15-16, "You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one." What does He mean by this, and how does it contrast human judgment with God's judgment?
5. In John 8:19, Jesus tells the Pharisees, "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also." What does this reveal about Jesus' identity and His relationship with the Father?
6. Jesus says, "He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness." What are some examples of spiritual darkness in today's world? How does following Jesus keep us in the light?
7. The light of Christ reveals sin and truth. Have you ever experienced a moment when God's light exposed something in your life that needed to change? How did you respond?
8. Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." How can we use Scripture to guide our decisions and avoid walking in darkness?
9. Jesus is not only the light for believers but also for the world. What are practical ways you can reflect His light to those around you?

10. What is one specific step you can take this week to follow Jesus more closely and walk in His light?

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I AM THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP

Scripture References: John 10:1-9

Group Opener: (*Choose a question for your connection group to discuss.*)

1. Have you ever lost your way in an unfamiliar place?
2. What is the most secure door or entrance you have ever seen? What made it feel safe?

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1. In John 8:12, Jesus declares, "I am the light of the world." Why do you think Jesus used light as a metaphor for Himself?
2. In John 10:1-2, Jesus contrasts the true shepherd with thieves and robbers. What does this tell us about how people try to gain access to God outside of Christ?
3. Jesus says in John 10:3-4 that His sheep hear His voice and follow Him. What does it mean to recognize and follow the voice of Jesus?
4. In John 10:5, Jesus says His sheep will not follow a stranger. What are some "strange voices" in today's world that can lead people away from Christ?
5. Jesus declares in John 10:7, "I am the door of the sheep." What does this reveal about salvation and access to God?
6. In John 10:9, Jesus promises that those who enter through Him will be saved and will find pasture. What does this tell us about the security and provision we have in Christ?
7. Jesus says that only through Him can we enter into salvation (John 10:9). Why do people today look for other doors to find purpose, security, or salvation?
8. The sheep recognize the shepherd's voice. How can you grow in spiritual discernment to better recognize when God is speaking to you?
9. Jesus offers protection and freedom to those who enter through Him. What fears, sins, or burdens do you need to surrender so you can fully walk in this freedom?
10. Jesus calls us to lead others to the true door (John 14:6). Who in your life needs to hear the gospel, and how can you share it with them this week?

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I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Scripture References: John 10:11-18; Psalm 23

Group Opener: (Choose a question for your connection group to discuss.)

1. Can you share a time when someone really took care of you and protected you?
How did that make you feel?
2. If you had to describe a shepherd's job in your own words, what would you say is the most important thing they do?

Discussion Questions:

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1. In John 10:11, Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd." What makes Jesus different from an ordinary shepherd?
2. According to verses 12-13, how does Jesus contrast a "hireling" with the Good Shepherd? What does this teach us about true leadership?
3. Psalm 23 describes God as our shepherd. How do the descriptions in Psalm 23 help us understand Jesus' role as the Good Shepherd?
4. In John 10:14-15, Jesus says He knows His sheep, and His sheep know Him. What does it mean to "know" Jesus in this way?
5. Jesus speaks of "other sheep" in John 10:16. Who do you think He is referring to, and what does this mean for us today?
6. Jesus lays down His life for the sheep (John 10:17-18). How does knowing this change the way you respond to Him?
7. What are some ways people today might be following false shepherds instead of Jesus? How can you discern His voice amidst the distractions of the world?
8. Jesus calls His followers into one flock (John 10:16). How can we practice unity among believers from different backgrounds and cultures?
9. Psalm 23:4 says, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." What does this verse teach us about trusting Jesus in difficult times?
10. How can you personally listen to and follow the Good Shepherd more closely in your daily life?

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I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

Scripture References: John 14:1-7

Group Opener: *(Choose a question for your connection group to discuss.)*

1. Have you ever been lost while traveling? How did you find your way?
2. What is one thing you have learned in life that you are absolutely sure is true?

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1. In John 14:1, Jesus tells His disciples, “Let not your heart be troubled.” Why do you think they were troubled? How does this verse comfort us today?
2. Jesus speaks about “My Father’s house” in John 14:2. What does this tell us about the place He is preparing for believers?
3. Thomas asks, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?” (John 14:5). How does Jesus' answer in John 14:6 provide clarity?
4. Jesus says, “No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6). Why is this statement important in understanding salvation?
5. Jesus tells His disciples that knowing Him is knowing the Father (John 14:7). How does this reinforce His divine nature?
6. Jesus calls Himself “the Way”—how does following Jesus shape the way you live your daily life?
7. The world promotes many versions of “truth” today. How can you stand firm in Jesus as the Truth in a culture of confusion?
8. Since Jesus is the Life, what does it mean to truly live in Christ? How should this change your priorities?
9. Jesus promises that He is preparing a place for us (John 14:2-3). How does this give you hope for the future?
10. What is one practical step you can take this week to lead others to Christ as the only Way to God?

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I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

Scripture References: John 11:17-44

Group Opener: (Choose a question for your connection group to discuss.)

1. Have you ever waited a long time for something important to happen? How did you feel during the waiting?
2. If you could ask Jesus one question about life and death, what would it be?

Discussion Questions:

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1. In John 11:21, Martha says, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. “What does this reveal about her faith and emotions?
2. Why do you think Jesus waited before going to Lazarus? (John 11:6) What does this teach us about God’s timing?
3. What does Jesus mean when He says, “I am the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25)? How does this statement change the way we see death?
4. When Jesus wept (John 11:35), what does this tell us about His compassion? How does this encourage us when we go through suffering?
5. Why did Jesus call Lazarus by name when He said, “Lazarus, come forth!” (John 11:43)? What does this teach us about how Jesus calls us personally?
6. Martha and Mary both struggled to understand Jesus’ timing. Have you ever been in a situation where God’s timing didn’t make sense to you? How did you respond?
7. When Jesus asks Martha, “Do you believe this?” (John 11:26), He challenges her faith. If Jesus asked you this today, how would you answer?
8. What are some “grave clothes” (past mistakes, fears, doubts) that may be holding you back from fully following Christ? How can you surrender them to Jesus?
9. Jesus performed this miracle so that people would believe in Him (John 11:42). How can we use our personal testimonies to help others trust in Jesus?
10. How does knowing that Jesus is the resurrection and the life help you face difficult situations or the fear of death?

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I AM THE TRUE VINE

Scripture References: John 15:1-8; Psalm 80:8-18

Group Opener: (*Choose a question for your connection group to discuss.*)

1. What is your favorite fruit, and why do you like it? How does it need to be cared for to grow well?
2. Have you ever tried growing a plant or tree? What was the biggest challenge in keeping it healthy?

Discussion Questions:

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1. Jesus said, "I am the true vine" (John 15:1). In the Old Testament, Israel was often called a vine (Psalm 80). Why do you think Jesus described Himself as the "true" vine? What does this mean for us today?
2. What does it mean to "abide" in Christ (John 15:4)? How is abiding in Christ different from just going to church or doing religious activities?
3. According to John 15:2, the Father "prunes" the branches that bear fruit so they can bear more fruit. In your life, what are some ways God has "pruned" you to help you grow spiritually?
4. Jesus said, "Without Me, you can do nothing" (John 15:5). What are some things people try to do without Jesus? Why do those things ultimately fail?
5. What does bearing fruit look like in a believer's life? Can you give examples from your own life or from people you admire in faith?
6. What kind of fruit should we pray for according to John 15:7-8? How can we pray in a way that aligns with God's will?
7. John 15:6 warns that those who do not abide in Christ will be "cast out" and "burned." What does this mean? How can we make sure we are truly abiding in Jesus?
8. What are some distractions that keep believers from abiding in Christ? How can we remove or overcome these distractions in our daily lives?
9. The sermon mentioned that pruning is sometimes painful. How can you encourage someone who is going through a difficult season of spiritual pruning?
10. As you reflect on your life, in what areas do you see spiritual growth? In what areas do you need to abide more in Christ to bear more fruit?

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