



WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER-2

Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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1. PRIMARY STATEMENT: You and the church are only healthy and fully-functional when you're connected to other Christians. We're better together! The problem is, connection doesn't happen by default. In order to live up to God's best for us, we've got to make the effort to live a connected life.

2. BIBLE VERSE:

Hebrews 10:24 [NLT]

"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works."



Being relationally connected to other Christians takes effort - energy - on your end. Connecting God's way means finding ways to be a support to others. Don't just have friends, function as a friend to the people around you.

Q . Think for a few minutes - what are ways people in the church motivate each other to live the God-life better? What are some ways you've benefited from the influence of other Christians?

Q . Who are the people you're connected to relationally in the church? What are some ways the Holy Spirit could use you to motivate them to acts of love and good works?

3. DISCUSSION:

Hebrews 10:25 [NLT]

"And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."

Connecting to people requires an intentional effort - there will always be other ways to spend your time and energy, and those other things are constantly vying for your attention. If you want to feel connected to people in the church, you're going to need to make it a priority.

Q . What are some otherwise-good things that can push connection points (like Life Groups, Serving Teams, eating out with friends, etc) down on your priority list?

Q . What are some things that you might have to do less, or drop altogether, to make space for connecting to people?

Q . What are some ways that those competing activities could be modified to become relationship-building, church-people-connecting activities?



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes to thank God for the support and encouragement He brings to you through individuals in the church. Be specific - use their names! Ask the Holy Spirit to help you prioritize connection so you can have that kind of positive impact on others.



LIVING FOR GOD IN A WICKED WORLD

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1. POWER VERSE: Hosea 14:9 *"The paths of the LORD are true and right, and righteous people live by walking in them."*

What's up: "I'm Gonna Walk With God Every Day, Living Righteous Is The Only Way!"

This week, we start a brand new series called, "NOAH: Surviving The Storms Of Life". In this series, we will look at one of the most famous guys in the Bible - Noah! In this lesson, we learn how we can live a life that stands out for God just like Noah.

2. ACTIVITY:

(Set Up: Gather several of the same object and one object that is different. For example: several candies of the same color and one of a different color; several marshmallows and one chocolate chip.)

Allow your children to observe the objects.

Q. What do you notice about these things?

Q. How could you tell one was different?

(i.e. it looked different, it felt different, etc.)



3. DISCUSSION:

As Christians, we are supposed to be like the one object. In the world, there is a lot of evil, a lot of people doing the wrong thing. God wants us to be different than everyone else in the world. He wants us to stand out and choose to do what's right. When we do, others can quickly tell there is a difference in us just like you were able to quickly tell the difference in these objects.

If we are going to live a life that is different, we have to stay close to God. We can stay close to God by praying, reading the Bible, and worshipping. By doing these things, we can live for Him in a sinful world.



4. PRAYER FOCUS

Pray with your child that God will help them to live their life so others will see a difference in them. Talk about ways that your family already spends time with God and/or discuss ways your family can make it a new priority.