



**connect  
groups**

*Come together to be known and grow*

## **WELCOME PAGE—Create Your Own Bible Study**

Welcome to Connect Groups! We're excited to have you come together to be known and grow with a Bible Study you have chosen.

Below are some recommendations to help your Connect Group get off to a strong start.

**Timing:** Choose your start and end time. We want everyone's time to be honored! We recommend 1-2 hours or less per meeting.

**Introductions:** Start each meeting with a quick ice breaker to get the conversation going. Some examples include: What is your favorite dessert? Where is your favorite vacation spot? What is your favorite board game?

**Scripture:** There are many different ways to read the selected scripture. One person reads, the group rotates, anything is okay!

**Discussion Questions:** Allow time for balanced sharing. Use multiple choice answers to spring board discussion. Have fun seeing where the discussion goes!

**Closing Prayer:** A group that prays together, grows together. There are a variety of ways to lift each other up in prayer. Here are two suggestions:

1. Everyone share one thing you are thankful for and one thing you are in need of prayer for.
2. Each person write down a prayer need on a notecard and put them in a pile. Everyone in the group takes one card home with them to pray over until your next meeting.



## F.A.Q

**Q: I am already participating in a Bible Study. Do I need to stop attending my current group in order to sign up for a Connect Group?**

A: No. Continuing with a current Bible Study is your choice. Connect Groups are offered in addition to our current studies, not in replacement of them.

**Q: Is participation in a Connect Group required?**

A: No. Our goal is to equip you to “come together and be known and grow.” A Connect Group is one of the many ways to get connected through St. Paul and the Summit. We encourage you to stretch yourself and invite someone “new to you” to try out a Connect Group.

**Q: When and where will Connect Groups meet?**

A: Anywhere-Anytime! Your Connect Group will decide the details. We encourage meeting 3-6 times at your own pace. Location ideas include: Someone’s home, coffee house, restaurant, park or other central location.

**Q: Who will lead our Connect Group?**

A: Each Connect Group will be equipped with Bible Study material. No “Leader” is needed. Simply bring your Connect Group study material with you when you meet. Printed study material is available at the Connect Groups display. A digital copy is available on our website. [www.sharingnewlife.com](http://www.sharingnewlife.com)

**Q: How do we coordinate childcare for when our Connect Group meets?**

A: Your Connect Group will be responsible for coordinating childcare during your meeting time. Some options are: including children in the study, have an older sibling help out, or hire a babysitter for the group. Anything is okay!

**Q: What do we do when our Connect Group has finished our study?**

A: It’s up to you! You may choose a new study or take a break. New Connect Group topics will be offered twice a year—in March & September.

**Q: I have a question about Connect Groups. Who do I contact?**

A: We are excited to help! For questions about Connect Groups, please Contact:

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