

### **Connection Groups Format**

Connection Groups are intentionally organic discipleship groups to help people at The Point connect in relationships, grow in their faith, and be a reflection in their community. These groups are designed to give you an intentional format with an organic style to help you grow in your faith.

#### **Intentional Format**

- Groups of 3-16 This is designed to give people a smaller group of people to build relationships with. To connect with on a regular basis, pray for, bounce questions off of, and build relationships with. We grow in our faith, as we grow in relationships with others. This is an opportunity to be intentional about that.
- 7 week cycle Includes 6 weeks of material to discuss in your group. A 7<sup>th</sup> week designed to celebrate, and build relationships. Whether connecting with other groups, throwing a party with connected and disconnected friends, or finding a way to serve our community. Host a guy's night, girl's night, All Point night, or even a Project E.
- 7 cycles a year With Seven 7 week cycles a year flex is built in. That leaves 7
  weeks to do purely relationship building celebration style activities, 3 weeks
  where nothing is planned, and the rest of the time to have content to discuss
  together.
- Content provided by The Point We will provide all the content you need on the app and on the website.
  - 1. Video Teachings.
  - 2. Scriptures to read.
  - 3. Questions to help spark discussion in your group.

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- Facilitator This is someone that is committed to scheduling your time to meet, organize how the group will meet, lead the questions, and share the verse for that week. You don't have to be a theological expert, or a strong teacher to facilitate a group. We will provide all that you will need in that area. All you have to do is be willing to setup the time, pray for your group, and train someone to help you facilitate.
- Groups will meet for 1 year, and then intentionally split and form new groups and facilitators. This can happen through everyone becoming a facilitator, or groups splitting and forming two new groups, or groups sending out 1 or 2 new facilitators and opening up space for new people to join.

### **Organic Style**

These groups will be across the board. While every group is discussing the same lesson, every group will look a little different.

- Group style Work in the type of group that works the best for you. All Guys, all girls, all couples, youth, college age, any age, dinner groups, hiking groups, biking groups...you get the idea. Pick a group that fits into your stage of life, your interests, or just a group of people you feel a connection with.
- These groups are meant to fit into the rhythm of your life. There is no set day or time of the week these groups have to meet. There is no set style these groups have to fit into. Meet together for a half hour, meet together for a night. Time, place, and style is up to you.

The concept is simple. We are going to Experience. Connect. Reflect Christ by going through the word together. The way that expresses itself will be different for everyone.

### How do you get involved?

- Connect with a facilitator and an existing group.
- Become a facilitator and start a group.

## Who can we invite to these groups?

- These groups are open. They are designed to help connect the disconnected, and help you grow in your relationship with God and each other.
- · You may have people you want to invite, others may ask you to join.

# Why 1 year?

- After a year you have an opportunity to pour into others as a facilitator. This is an intentional time we will use to start new groups, and send new facilitators out to start new groups.
- The reasoning is simple. Jesus called us to just be disciples but to be disciples who make disciples. -Matthew 28:18-20
- A 52 week process gives us time to build relationships, be discipled, and then go out to make disciples.

## Sounds like a small group?

These are not small groups. They are intentional discipleship groups. The goal is not to have a group you meet with until the day Jesus comes back. The goal is to give you a group of people that will help you grow in your faith, become a reflection of your faith in the community in tangible ways, and set you free to pour into others. You are learning to do what it means to be a Christ follower, so you can help others become and grow as Christ followers.

## Why does everyone use the same content?

The beauty of the Bible is that the same verse applies to every stage of your life. While the meaning is the same the way it applies in your life grows and changes. This allows us to walk and grow together as one church. This also allows us to provide the best content possible for you.