



Connect Groups

FAQ's

Q: How can I recruit people to come to my Connect Group?

A: Start with people who are already in your sphere of influence (co-workers, friends, and neighbours). Find people around you who are new to the church, are new believers, or have shown interest in getting involved. Look for people you think you can help realize their potential.

Q: Where can I hold my Connect Group?

A: We encourage Connect Groups to meet outside the church building in the places where you like to spend your time. Some of the most common meeting places are homes, restaurants, parks, coffee shops, and office buildings.

Q: What should I do if someone asks a question I can't answer?

A: It's okay to not have all the answers. Often a listening ear is the kindest support you can offer someone. Thankfully, we can find guidance through prayer, God's Word and the Holy Spirit. Encourage them to spend time reading the Bible and praying. Also, let them know that you will do your best to get some information and get back with them at your next Connect Group meeting. Do some personal research and call your Demographic Leader/Pastor to get advice.

Q: What should I do if someone in my Connect Group shares something with me (or the group) that requires attention beyond what I (or we) can provide?

A: If you encounter a difficult situation within your Connect Group, please know that you are not alone. It is okay to say something like "This sounds like a conversation that needs a little extra time than what we have right now, so let's talk about this at one-on-one at the end". If a member is going through a crisis, you can rally the group around them to provide prayer, encouragement, and support. Use wisdom and be sensitive to the situation. If you are unsure of what to do, don't hesitate to ask your Demographic Leader/Pastor. If there is an immediate threat to life please phone 000.

Q: How do I measure if my Connect Group members are moving forward in their faith?

A: Ask! Make it part of your discussion whether in a group setting or individually. Here are some great questions to guide your conversation:

- What are you most looking forward to in the Connect Group?
- What brought you to Calvary?
- What do you feel like God has been doing in your life lately?
- Have you ever been to a Calvary conference?
- What areas of your faith are you hoping to grow in the coming months?
- What are you focused on in your life right now?
- Have you been to a Calvary Pathway event?
- Have you ever served on one of the Calvary Teams?
- How can I pray for you?

Everyone in your Connect Group will be at different places spiritually. The vision of helping them "move forward" is not to get them to do everything at once, it's to help identify where they currently are spiritually and offer a practical next step to help them grow.

Here are some examples of next steps you can share depending where a Connect Group member is spiritually:

- Invite them to attend a Sunday service with you.
- Share your personal story and what God has been teaching you.
- Invite them to Calvary Conference
- Share how Calvary Pathway can help them discover their purpose and invite them to attend.
- Invite them to consider being water baptised. Invite your Connect Group to be there to celebrate anyone getting baptised.



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- Share how you find time regularly to pray, worship, read God's Word and encourage them to make their own plan for time with God.
- If they are ready to receive Christ, offer to pray with them.

Q: *What should I do if I am concerned that a child or young person is at risk of harm?*

A: It is very important that any disclosures or reports of harm or abuse are communicated to your Campus Pastor within 24 hours of hearing a report. Your Campus Pastor has the knowledge and skill to follow this concern up with relevant authorities to ensure that child is protected from being in a place of ongoing risk of harm.