

# Connecting Group Study Guide

## *Knowing, Growing, Going*

Week of July 31 – August 6, 2016

### Follow-up

1. Start by checking in with each other about your previous week.
2. Are you regularly spending time alone with God and his Word? What are you doing to ensure that your heart is “good soil” for his Word?

This week we were introduced to five different contexts in which discipleship takes place. We focused only on the first three—the public, the social and the personal contexts. We saw how Jesus used all three of these within his own earthly ministry to grow ordinary people into catalysts for his kingdom.

Read John 6:1-15 and John 13:1-17

### Knowing God

These two passages are examples of the public context (100+) and the personal context (10-20).

1. As a group, list out all the ways that these two situations are different.
2. Also, list out any points of similarity between these two accounts.

### Growing in Christ-likeness

We need to remember that God wants to disciple his people in any and every situation or context.

1. How does Jesus demonstrate the ideas of *investment* and *immersion* with his disciples in these two accounts?
2. According to Jesus, what is the “goal” of discipleship (see John 13:15-17)?

### Going to Our Neighbors and the World

1. Based on the two accounts, which one obviously had more interaction with the most people?
2. Why is it important that Christ-followers embrace all the discipleship contexts?
3. What might be the result of a church that only focuses one of the contexts and neglects the other(s)?

### Action Steps

Discuss and Plan Together: How can your Connecting Group, which is part of the personal context, also engage the social context within your community? What might that look like?

- Ideas: Meeting where more people gather (i.e., local park, public pool, restaurant, etc.)

Close in prayer together.