

Connecting Group Study Guide

Knowing, Growing, Going

Week of September 25 – October 2, 2016

Follow-up:

1. Start by checking in with each other about your previous week.
2. Read this past Sunday Scripture passage once more – Luke 5:12-16

Questions:

1. One particular area Western Christians (us!) wrestle with is busyness. We typically leave very little margin in our lives, as a result prayer winds up getting squeezed out. Look at Luke 5:16. What do you notice about that verse? How does that verse relate to its surrounding context (5:12-16)?
2. Using the analogy of a cup of coffee, how would you describe your prayer life? HOT – LUKEWARM - COLD
3. How did God speak to you during this past Sunday's sermon? What was an important takeaway for you?
4. How has God previously answered your prayers? What is a BIG thing, area or need in which you currently need God to show up?
5. Are there any barriers in your life right now that are preventing you from leaning into God through prayer? What do you think God may be asking you do about it?

Close in Prayer:

Break up into groups of two and pray specifically for one another—ask God to teach us how to pray in order to bring him glory, advance his kingdom and for Jesus to be made famous.

Diving Deeper (Scripture related to the theme of *prayer*):

Monday – Matthew 6:5-14

Tuesday – Acts 1:14

Wednesday – Acts 2:42

Thursday – Acts 4:23-31

Friday – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Saturday – 1 Timothy 2:1-7