

Connect Series - 2 - CTC

How Jesus Connected

We are continuing the conversation tonight on Connecting...

We have been using these legos as image to understand connections that we make as individuals.

We have discovered that like legos we are designed to connect. God said it is NOT good that man be alone, we need others.

Sunday we are going to talk about what to do when we find ourselves "Disconnected".

Last night in my Connect Group we talked about these legos and what spoke to us the most so far in this series and as I sat there quietly since it's a little awkward having people talk about my sermon in front of me...

Anyway...

One of my group members brought up the different size legos how some have more connection points than others...

That took the conversation in one direction...

I've noticed in many relationships there be issues because one partner is a people person and loves having people over the house and having many friends and the other, well is not...

And it becomes a point of contention because they don't understand each others capacity for connection.

Those people with 16 points of connection actually feel that they need ALL 16 filled... And if they are not I'm missing out on something.

The person with 2 connectors can never understand that person.... Why do you NEED people around all the time...?

Understand that we may never understand each other can be a great place of understanding.

Then someone said the thinner legos, once connected are almost impossible to get back apart.

There are going to be some connections that you make with others that are going to be seasonal, to get you through a certain time in life... and there are going to be connections that you make for life... Ones that are NOT easily broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:7,8,9-12

7Again I saw something meaningless under the sun:

8There was a man all alone;

he had neither son nor brother.

There was no end to his toil,

'Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:

If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. '

King Solomon wrote this in his older age.

The name Ecclesiastes is derived from the Greek Word "Ekklesia". Which Means a calling out, a meeting, congregation or assembly

This book was written to the church... To the body of believers.

The wisest man to ever live... Tells us there is something he doesn't understand... Something that is meanings...

A man standing alone... In a world FULL of people... some would choose to work alone and it makes no sense.

But if that person would connect with others... it would create a connection that is not easily broken...

Just like the legos that are hard to get apart..

Conversely... There are connections that we make, that we should NOT be making... and those connections can be just as hard to break.

Singles... Be very careful who you choose to join yourself to... I'll leave it at that... Choose wisely...

How do we make Godly, correct connections?

Acts 2:42-47

42And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

It takes some work... You can not have God's design without including God...

If you want Great, Godly connections prayer MUST be part of your life.

They studied the Word together... We are NOT going to have great Godly connection and never talk about the Word.

If we can get groups of people studying the Bible together... They will GROW...

43And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

They saw signs and wonders as a result of their continued connections.

44And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

46And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

47Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Cindy's opener on Sunday was GREAT... she spoke about connections based on design and intention verses just lumping a bunch of legos together.

The beauty of intentional design is only realized when the proper instructions are followed...

The beauty of a Godly marriage is realized when it follows God's design...

Any relationship... when we follow God's design... which He gave to us through His Word will produce the results that God promises.

Like What?

Do you Pray together as a couple? Like holds hands and pray out loud?

No!!! That's weird... But you can be intimate physically?

The beauty of real connections is that we connect on a spiritual level NOT just a physical level...

In the Acts early church, that sort of connection is what brought about the signs and wonders that they began to see.

Hard assignment this week...

Pray out loud with someone you have a relationship with. This can be a close friend, relative or spouse.... Maybe it's praying with your child..

Now I already feel the awkward energy from this, and some have decided already in their heart they will not do it and they don't need to do it...

And that is why the church at large does not experience God's design... We know better than Him...

Jesus said...

Matthew 18:19-20

' "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for in prayer, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." '

Let's invite him in to the connection..

If you are married it might be easiest to pray at night with the lights off before bed... maybe others want to pray before work...

Pray what?

Start by prayer for each other...

A great day.

That they are fulfilled.

Bless each other, everything your hands touch are blessed.

Pray for your family, over your kids...

If you are single... Maybe call someone on the phone you trust and ask if you can pray with them...

These connections you create right here in prayer will NOT BE EASILY broken.

PRAY