

SESSION FOUR



C.S.I. PART ONE
CONNECT

SESSION FOUR OVERVIEW

Session Summary

In session four, the main theme is an examination of the first part of C.S.I. lifestyle: Connect. The why's and how's of connect were looked at.

Session Details

C.S.I. is a 24/7 Lifestyle Model that empowers believers in Christ to be effective witnesses. It's a lifestyle that all believers can engage in. C.S.I. lifestyle involves three activities, the first of these is represented by the C. The C stands for Connect. Like Jesus we need to connect with non-Christian people, in fact Jesus was called a Friend of Sinners (Matthew 11:19). There are two major reasons why it is so important to make connections with non-Christian people. The first is the fact that it is very hard to be a witness if there is no one to witness to! The second reason is the fact that it is easier to witness to people who we have a genuine relationship with. When we connect with non-Christians our goal isn't to Bible bash them but rather it's to be a blessing to them. We do however pray that God gives us an opportunity to proclaim our faith to them. Our ultimate goal is for the Holy Spirit to enable us to be both a blessing and a witness for Christ and that through our genuine contacts we will be able to help people to discover a relationship with God.

DICUSSION QUESTIONS

Question 1: What do you think is the difference between going on an intentional mission (i.e. Saturday morning street witnessing) and having a 24/7 evangelistic lifestyle? _____

Question 2: Jesus was called a 'Friend of Sinners', what were some of the friendly actions that Jesus engaged in? _____

Question 3: If we don't have any non-Christian friends what actions can we take to find some? _____

Question 4: Discuss the qualities that you feel are important in a genuine friendship. _____

Question 5: What are some of the indicators to show us that the Holy Spirit may be giving us an opening to share our faith? _____

Question 6: Do you have any acquaintances (i.e. at work or neighbours etc.) who you could contact and deepen the relationship? _____

Question 7: Read and discuss the relevance of Jesus' words in John 4:35-36.

GROUP PRAYER

(Either pray as a group or break into smaller groups)

Prayer points

Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead us to some non-Christian people who we can make contact with.

Pray that God will help us connect with someone this week (*see this session activation*).

ACTIVATION

Make contact with a non-Christian acquaintance (see question 6). See if you can deepen the relationship by inviting them over or by inviting them out for coffee or a meal. Go with the intention of being a blessing to them but also listen to the Holy Spirit to see if there is an opening to share our faith.

