



Jesus said to His disciples, "Follow me."

At Connect Church we invite you to follow Jesus. *Come & Explore / Come & Grow / Come & Serve / Come & Lead*
 Our Mission Statement - "Glorifying God by connecting people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ."

COME & EXPLORE

Prayer is offered in accordance with scripture by asking God to fill us with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Prayer exalts God for who He is, thanks Him for His many blessings, and allows us to place our requests before Him.

Colossians 1:9

Devotional Journaling is the approach used at Connect Church. Scripture passages are supplied to the church family on the website and in the Worship Folder.

Each partner studies in personal quiet time, in a Connection Group discussion, and in a Worship Service. The same passage is studied by everyone each week.

SOAP is an acronym for:

Scripture Reading:

Read the passage of the day

Observation:

Write the point of the passage

Application:

How does the passage apply to you

Pray:

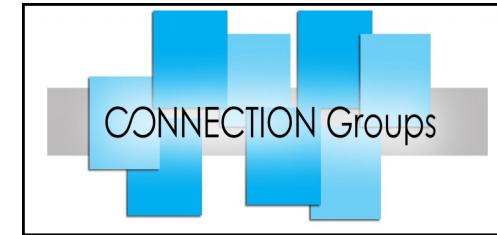
Ask God to help you respond to the Scripture

2 Timothy 2:15

Corporate Worship Services are held weekly to honor God for who He is and what He has done for us through His Son, Jesus Christ.

It is an opportunity to sing, pray, study God's Word, fellowship, and give our offerings to Him. *Psalms 35:18*

COME & GROW



Connection Groups are formed to encourage life change in each believer. At Connect Church we gather together to meet people from every stage of life and to follow Jesus more intently.

Each group has its own dynamic, yet all Connection Groups are encouraged to engage with, care for, and to hold one another accountable to the truth of scripture.

Each group studies the Word of God using the *Explore the Bible* curriculum, and/or encourages progressive spiritual growth through systematic discipleship studies.

New believers begin their spiritual journey completing the *Survival Kit* study with a mentor.

Progression continues with a focus on the foundational truth of God's Word through studies such as *Master Life*, *Experiencing God*, and *The Baptist Faith & Message, 2000*.

Advancement for spiritual growth for all maturing disciples is offered by way of multiple studies such as Biblical, Christian Growth, and Family curriculum.

The systematic discipleship plan concludes with leadership studies. Advanced courses are recommended at this stage of spiritual growth.

Connection Groups pray, minister, and serve together to develop meaningful relationships.

- *Additional course studies are also available for all phases:
Explore / Grow / Serve / Lead*

COME & SERVE

Ministry opportunities to serve within the church body are available to all Ministry Partners. Greeters, helpers, teachers, singers, instrumentalists, hosts, computer and camera operators are a sample of the many ministry prospects available.

Matthew 20:28

Giving opportunities exist within the church to advance the gospel of Jesus. We worship by bringing the tithe (10% of our income) and offerings (over and above the tithe) as instructed by Scripture. The Lord gives us these guidelines to help us remember.

Psalms 24:1

COME & LEAD

Outreach and Mission Investment occurs in an assortment of ways. We share the gospel of Jesus Christ with others by using the *Life On Mission* demonstration. We serve at the South Florida Fair, with Youth for Christ, mission trips, as well as investing time and money in mission projects to contribute on mission for God.

Matthew 28:19-20

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Preparing to Follow Christ

- Accept Christ as Personal Savior
Romans 3:23—"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
Romans 6:23—"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
Romans 10:9-10—"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation."

Beginning to Follow

- Attend Church Orientation (Appointment with a Pastor or Point Leader)
- Baptized By Full Immersion
Believer's baptism is following Jesus' example, identifying with His death, burial, and resurrection.
- Join the Church Family
Submit the Church Covenant

COME & EXPLORE

Prayer

- How to Hear from God by Communicating with Him

Bible Study/Connection Groups

- How to Grow in Faith through Bible Study in Community

Corporate Worship

- How to Express Admiration to God through Worship

Ministry Teams

- How to Serve God by Serving Others

Tithes and Offerings

- How to Give Financially According to Scripture

Outreach / Mission Investment

- How to Share Your Experience of Christ with Others

COME & GROW

Prayer

- Embrace God's Promptings in Prayer and Say 'Yes' to His Leading

Bible Study/Connection Groups

- Accept Spiritual Accountability by Participating in a Group through the Study of the Explore the Bible Curriculum and/or Foundational Studies

Corporate Worship

- Engage in Worship through Praise, Prayer, Offering, Active Listening/Taking Notes

Ministry Teams

- Serve with Others on a Ministry Team

Tithes and Offerings

- Invest Resources for the Kingdom of God by Giving 10% of Income (Tithe)

Outreach / Mission Investment

- Share Your Faith Authentically

COME & SERVE

Prayer

- Pray Encouragement and Blessings for/over Others

Bible Study/Connection Groups

- Facilitate/Assist Groups and/or Mentoring Others
- Participate in Christian Growth through Explore the Bible Curriculum, and/or additional Discipleship Studies

Corporate Worship

- Encourage Others with Psalms, Hymns, Songs, and Sharing the Worship Message

Ministry Teams

- Lead a Ministry Team

Tithes and Offerings

- Tithe 10% of Income and Begin to Bless Through Offerings

Outreach / Mission Investment

- Share the Gospel with Others Whom the Lord Provides and Invest in Mission Endeavors

COME & LEAD

Prayer

- Teach Others How to Pray: ACTS Adoration, Confession, Petition, and Supplication

Bible Study/Connection Groups

- Commit to and Offer Advanced Instruction to Leaders
- Guide Leaders through the Advanced Leadership Studies

Corporate Worship

- Study/Share/Lead Biblical Worship Practices with Leaders

Ministry Teams

- Train/Coordinate/Multiply Team Leaders

Tithes and Offerings

- Faithfully Give Tithe and Offerings

Outreach / Mission Investment

- Develop Mission Projects to Reach Others and to Share Salvation through Christ with Them