

Connect Group Bible Study

Bringing God & People Together



Living Social

Grow Socially

14.07.2013

Open with invitation of the Spirit (prayer/music)

Big Idea: God wants each of us (His representatives) to be growing socially which involves interacting with a broad spectrum of society.

Background info:

Luke 2:52 (ESV) Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

*Note how Christ grew in four ways.

1. Wisdom meaning He grew intellectually.
2. Stature meaning He grew physically.
3. Favour with God meaning He grew spiritually.
4. Favour with man meaning He grew socially.

Explore & Apply:

Luke 9:46-48 (ESV) An argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest. But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a child and put him by his side and said to them, "Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great."

Q: Discuss why Jesus might point to a child in the midst of an argument?

Q. Regarding people skills what are some of the things that seem to work?

**Hopefully bring out some of the following points through discussion:*

- Showing genuine interest in others or asking questions
- Being a person of love and grace not rules
- Being a person who is more interested in displaying the fruit of the Spirit than winning arguments

Q. In relating with people who may hold differing values... How do we balance a walk that pleases God and an effective witness to those outside?

Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Q. Relate how the fruit of the spirit being demonstrated within our lives affects those we come into contact with in our day to day walk

Q. Discuss how we cultivate the fruits of the Spirit within us

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All about Jesus:

Q: Discuss the difference between a Christian's approach to relationships compared to a non-Christian's approach. How does our salvation affect our relationships?

Prayer Points:

*Upcoming events (see below)

*Youth Term 3

Up & Coming Events @ C3 Thirroul: Let us all be praying for, inviting & bringing people

* New People Dinner on July 22, 2013 6:00 pm

* D'vine Women's event: Fighting Depression on July 24, 2013 7:00 pm

* On the Board Walk – SRE Fundraiser on July 27, 2013 9:00 am
