



Connect to the Bible

Leader's Guide

Outline for Connect to the Bible (6 week class)

Hello and welcome to Connect!

Thank you for facilitating the Connect to the Bible class. Our hope is that everything you need to lead a meaningful, enjoyable and informative class is contained within the pages of your Leader's Guide. That being said, we encourage you to make the class your own and merely use this information as a guide or follow it precisely -- It's up to you! Also please remember that we are always here to answer questions and provide help as needed. Here is a brief outline to highlight what is included in each class.

Pework Summary

At the beginning of each week, you will notice a Pework Summary. This includes the script for the Teaching Video, Tough Questions prep and Key Scriptures that were used to develop the curriculum material for that week. As the facilitator, we ask that you review both the testimonial and teaching video (using the script as your guide). Also familiarize yourself with the Tough Questions. These are questions that are not in the Participants' Guide, but that may be asked during the class. We want to try to help you prepare in case these questions do arise. Finally, take a look at the Key Scriptures that the lesson is based on. Again, these are not listed in the Participants' Guide, but will be helpful for you to know and be able to refer to if need be.

Participants' Guide

Familiarize yourself with the Participants' Guide. The information contained in these participant booklets may differ slightly from your Leader's Guide. These booklets contain scriptures highlighted in the teaching video as well as the discussion questions listed within your Leader's Guide. Be on the lookout for prompts within your weekly Leader's Guide to help you direct your participants through their Participants' Guide.

Class Timeline

A sample outline is provided at the beginning of each week in your Leader Guide to help you manage your time. Please review this beforehand so you will have enough time to watch both the teaching and testimonial videos as well as allow time for the discussion questions.

Introductions

The first week of class, your mission is to help everyone feel comfortable and get to know each other. Begin with each class member providing a brief introduction of themselves (if they have not already) and tell the class what they hope to get out of the Connect to God Course.

As part of their introductions, you may wish to include an ice breaker to help foster relationships and community in the class. Some suggestions include: Marooned (ask each participant, "What are five things that you would take with you if you were marooned on an island?"), magic wand (if you had a magic wand, what would you choose to change?), or where in the world (ask participants where they are from, where they've been, where they'd like to travel someday).

Teaching Video and Testimonial Video

There are 2 videos for each class: a teaching video and a testimonial video. As part of your weekly prework, please watch the videos and read over the script. There is not a script for the testimonial videos.

Takeaways

In your Leaders’ Guide as well as Participants’ Guide there are Takeaways listed at the close of each week. Please take a couple of minutes to highlight these main ideas for the week. You can read these main points for each week directly from your Leader’s Guide or put these closing remarks in your own words.

Pray

Finally, we ask that you pray at the close of each class and we provide a simple outline here of the P.R.A.Y. acronym. Before you close in prayer, briefly explain P.R.A.Y. method of prayer (Praise, Repent, Ask and Yield) and lead participants through this format.

PRAISE	Matthew 6:9	"Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.'"
REPENT	Matthew 6:12	"And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."
ASK	Matthew 6:11&13	"Give us this day our daily bread." "And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]"
YIELD	Matthew 6:10	"Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven."

Then pray over them. For example, *Father, we praise that you are powerful and good. You created this world and us all for YOUR purpose. Please forgive us when we look to other places*

for our significance or when we seek own glory. Please help us to seek and follow your purpose for our lives. We trust you and your ways.