

CONNECT GROUP **LEADER GUIDE**
HEADS UP! #4 Shining with Exceptional Goodness



BEGIN WITH YOUR HEART

"Share your tough stuff" with your group. What's giving energy to your "internal light" these days? What are those things that are threatening to dim it?

Take the lead in responding to set the tone for your group in trust building. Ron Stubbs shared some great training in February for Connect Group leaders on encouraging transparent relationships. Two quick nuggets that might help you begin this study well.

*#1 Feeling hesitant to be real because of FEAR, PRIDE, or SHAME? Be encouraged to open up because...
a) you seek God's approval over men's (fear), b) you know that he gives grace to the humble (pride), and
c) you are a new creation in Christ, the old has gone and the new has come (shame).*

*#2 As others share, DON'T minimize their experience or jump to give advice, but **accept, encourage,** and **listen** with empathy to what they have to share. Think... "How would I feel?" "What would I need?"*

A LOOK AT THE WORD

- JOHN 8:12** - Isaiah 60:19-22 predicted a time when God himself would be his people's light. Jesus was boldly saying, "The promised day of light has arrived. I am the source of everlasting joy." (ESV Bible)
- Matthew 5:13-16** – One divergent thought - Following Jesus as salt and light means that you are needed to stand out in hard situations. Salt preserves and flavors while light exposes the darkness. They are not needed in well lit, already healthy, or flavorful situations!
- Philippians 2:12-16** – In your answers remember v13, "it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. It is God's will and God's work that you obediently cooperate with.
- 1 John 1:5-2:3** – "Propitiation" – a sacrifice which satisfies the just wrath of God for sin. Through his death, Jesus absorbed the just wrath of God toward us for our sin and opened the way for the full favor of God to be shown to all who believe.

MY LIFE- OUR MISSION

Is the Spirit flowing through you? The fruit of "GOODNESS" is an evidence of that. (Gal.5) As you pray, thank God for the fruit of goodness you see in other people in your group, mention them by name.

Christ Community Church - Announcements

- Ⓞ YADA | Women's Bible study and fellowship. Fall study "Exodus: God's Relentless Pursuit of Us" begins SEP 22, 9:30-11:00a in C3/4. Contact Lyndee Heemstra to register children for childcare [lyndeeroose04@gmail.com]. Evening YADA | 7:00-8:30p in C3, beginning SEP 20. Our study will be "Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith" by Andy Stanley. Marcia DeZonia [mdezonia@gmail.com].
- Ⓞ Seminar in Christian Theology | Monday nights from SEP 26-DEC 5, 2016. Begins at 7:00pm and finishes up at 8:15pm. Room C1. Pick up a flyer for registration at the Start Here desk.

SERVE - CHURCH

- Ⓞ Blinks Volunteers Needed on Sunday afternoons, and Wednesdays, both morning and evenings, for various shifts. Barista training is available. Contact Marilyn Rohlf to find out more information [jammr@isunet.net or 515-203-1018].

SERVE - COMMUNITY

- Ⓞ Families needed to host small groups of 6-8 college students for dinner in their home on Saturday, OCT 8, 5:15p - 7:30p during the Navigators Main Event Conference. Sign up to host at www.navsmainevent.org.

