

CONNECT GROUP **LEADER GUIDE**
HEADS UP! #3 Called Together for Exceptional Impact

BEGIN WITH YOUR HEART

What's your special talent? Do you think people draw their identity from what they do well?

If this exercise gets off to a slow start, try this: Sometimes it's easier to see in someone else so you can see it more clearly in yourself. Can you think of an example where someone drew their identity from talent (sports hero, farmer, educator, or parent)? What evidence points to this being a positive or negative?

A LOOK AT THE WORD

To be truly exceptional in these areas seems to require patience, a steady walk with God, and a consistency over time which will lead to exceptional impact.

1st – EXCEPTIONAL IN spiritual GROWTH

*Where do you see us called to some kind of action? You may even point out what motivates that action in the verse when it is noted. As you search for specific actions for spiritual growth, remember to step back and see the **three big ideas** in these verses. We grow . . . 1 By being a loving part of the body 2 By putting off your old self and putting on the new self, and 3 By laying aside weight/sin to run with endurance, not growing weary.*

2nd – EXCEPTIONAL IN spiritual SACRIFICES

Challenge your group to think about how our words and actions are a sacrifice to God. Do we offer our first and best to Him? What does the sacrifice of our words and actions cost us?

3rd – EXCEPTIONALLY PROCLAIMING God's EXCELLENCIES

*This section could take your group hours . . . so encourage a time limit from the start that seems appropriate for your group and the time you have left. Maybe say, "**In 2 minutes or less, tells us your story of being brought out from darkness into marvelous light.**"*

MY LIFE- OUR MISSION

I love the encouragement this week to allow the Holy Spirit to take what you have learned (inflow) and not stop there, but take opportunities to share it with your family, other believers, and those who don't yet know Jesus (overflow). To stay spiritually healthy, we must continue to see our inflow, overflow into the people we love.

PRAY TOGETHER *consider breaking into smaller groups for prayer this week. (i.e. separate the men and women, share and pray in groups of 2-3, or have couples pair up and pray for each other. Mix it up.)*

Christ Community Church - Announcements

- ① **Women's Ministry Kick-Off** | SEP 18, 5-7p, G2. Join us to hear about Fall Women's Ministry, be encouraged by our speaker Jenny Neighbour, and hopefully connect with "someone like you". Light supper provided (\$5). Sign up in the Atrium or online.
- ① **Divorce Care** is a 13-week, biblically based, video seminar series for individuals who are separated or divorced. Divorce Care is open to anyone. Registration required [at ccames.org], \$15. Childcare provided up through 5th grade. Our first meeting is Tuesday, SEP 20 from 6:30-8:00 in room C2. Contact Laura Teske [lteske@ccames.org].

SERVE - CHURCH

- ① **Tech Team** | A lot happens behind the scenes: sound, lights, videos and more. Join the team! Training is provided. Contact Jeremy [jbents@ccames.org].

SERVE - COMMUNITY

- ① **Baking and Hospitality** 6 dozen Cookies/bars/treats are needed for Coffee, Tea and English each Friday, contact Debbie Johnson tdjohnson@mchsi.com. 7 dozen cookies/bars/treats are needed for high school FUEL each Wednesday, contact Kim Swanson at kimrmatt@gmail.com. Thanks for helping us to welcome and reach students!

