

Discipleship Tip: Fellowship, Prayer & Community

"Everyone wants fellowship, whether you're in church or out of church..." So get connected with people and they will get connected with God and church!

Check out Julie Maconachie's chat to Heidi Wysman about her connect groups vision and growth for more ideas:
<http://www.myc3church.net/node/1014>.

Connect Group Notes 8 August 2010

Is His Priority My Priority? – Ps Andrew Kubala

Luke 5:17-26 (NIV). "17 One day as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law, who had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem, were sitting there. And the power of the Lord was present for him to heal the sick..."

Jesus had begun His ministry and was teaching the Word and the power of God was present for him to heal the sick. The news and experience of this was spreading. Friends of a paralytic had believed and had faith. Their faith was such that they knew that if they could just lay their friend before Jesus, he could be healed. Nothing was going to get between them and a miracle. They climbed upon the roof and lowered their friend down so he was lying right in front of Jesus.

Faith comes by hearing the Word. There are many people who haven't made a decision for Christ because no-one has taken them to where they can hear the Word and respond. As believers we need to have faith and believe that that friend or family member may have an encounter with Jesus and even give their life to Christ if we can get them to a place where they can hear and experience Jesus.

There are seasons in God. Seasons to draw near, to be saved, to be healed, to grow.. But to experience the fullness of the seasons we have to be in love with Jesus. He must be our first love. There must be fire in our relationship with Jesus. Sin cannot be being entertained and bowed down to.

Jesus first priorities are salvation through the forgiveness of sins. The person's soul and the state of their relationship with God. In **verse 20** Jesus says 'Friend, your sins are forgiven.' He healed the man, but He first spoke and addressed the higher priority, His salvation and relationship with God.

God can heal your relationships, your marriage, your financial situation, and heal you physically. There are 2 key things that will hinder you from receiving a miracle:

1. Sin in your life; and
2. Your relationship with Jesus not being right.

TALK ABOUT

- **How is your faith for taking that friend or family member to church or Connect?**
- **Do you need a miracle?**
- **Does your relationship with Jesus need some firing up?**

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Connect Leader Training

Please remember that Connect Leader Training is coming up at the Oxford Falls Campus on Sunday 22nd August and on Tuesday 24th August. Training starts on Sunday at 11am or Tuesday at 7.30pm, both held in the Glasshouse and only 2 hours long. And don't forget, its free of charge! Please send your assistant leaders and any up and coming leaders to the training for them to be equipped to run a connect group. Its also a great refresher for all connect group leaders. RSVPs can be sent to connect@myc3church.net.

