

## 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 15 August 2010

### Attitude – Ps Phil Pringle

#### **Proverbs 4:23 (NKJV). "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life."**

No matter how skilled or experienced we are, our attitude can determine the outcome in a situation. This is why Proverbs tells us to "keep" or "guard" our heart with diligence; because it is so important.

Your attitude to God also changes the way you interpret the Bible; for example reading the Old Testament with a negative attitude to God can give you an image of a scary, angry God.

We have temptations to develop a negative attitude when bad things happen to us & we need to guard our hearts & have a Holy attitude/reaction.

Our emotions are contagious to others. Joshua when facing a battle told those with a fearful attitude to go home, so that no matter how many soldiers he had, he only had those with a good attitude.

First Key to Holy attitude: **Willingness.**

- Unlike the man in **Prov 22:13**, the willing have energy, they have strategy, they get higher in life.
- Be willing hearted. Even when you don't feel like it, you can still rule your attitude, choosing to be more than obedient, but willing to pursue the goal.
- **Prov 25:28** says no control over your attitude/spirit is like 'a city without walls'.
- Christ's example was to have an attitude of grace & peace, even on the cross. He turned His focus to the goal of attaining Salvation for all mankind & had a willing attitude.

#### TALK ABOUT

- **Do you have a willing attitude?**
- **Have you had an experience where the outcome was changed by your attitude?**
- **What can we do to "guard our hearts diligently"?**
- **Where do you need to develop a willing attitude to pursue your goals?**

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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](mailto:connect@myc3church.net).

