



FAITH

Pillars and Practices: Connect and Engage

Icebreaker: Who do you see at church every time you attend?

Read Together: 1 Corinthians 12:31 (CSB), 1 Corinthians 13:13 (CSB), Colossians 3:12-14 (NIV)

Discuss: Connecting to the Community Puts Us in a Place to Love and be Loved

- What fresh things do you see in the scriptures listed for this section?
- What was God speaking to you as Tim talked?

Read Together: 1 Corinthians 12:12-18 (NLT)

Discuss: Connecting to the Body of Christ is Essential to Living. Scripture reveals to us that we are better together instead of being disconnected.

- What fresh things do you see in the scriptures listed for this section?
- What part of the body do you think you most readily resemble?
- How naturally do the following “Steps to Connecting” come to you?
 - Be Pleasant
 - Be Approachable
 - Find Common Interests
 - Be Willing to Learn
 - Be Quick to Listen, Slow to Speak, and Slow to Become Angry
 - Practice Being Loving

Discuss:

- What Enemies of Connecting do you experience most often?
 - Pride
 - Insecurity
 - Fear
 - Criticism
 - Divisiveness
 - Our Own Echo Chambers of Agreement that Pit Us Against Others Who Think Differently.

Discuss: Jesus is Still Our Hope.

- How do you see Jesus being your hope?

Pray:

- Ask God to show you where He would like for you to connect.
- Ask God to help you overcome any enemies of connection you have.
- Ask God to show you how He wants to bring you hope today.