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CONNECTED: MAKE THE CONNECTION

BEST USE

As a guide to help you connect with those around you

NUTRITIONAL VALUE

Commit to connect with people that you cross paths with....your neighbors, your co-workers, the person standing in line next to you?

ADVANCE PREPARATION

Take time to think about these questions to stimulate your thinking on technology....

- In your opinion, has technology (e.g. social media, cell phone, Internet) changed the way we communicate with each other?
- How has technology changed the way you communicate?
- What specific elements do we miss out on when we trade face-to-face communication for connecting through technology?

SERVE IT UP

TALK: So many times it is easier to be in your place of work; in a waiting room somewhere; working out at the gym; waiting in an airport...--and connect with technology instead of those around you. What are you missing that God intended for you by doing that? What is that other person missing?

COMMIT: Consider some of the following commitments to help you connect with others....

- Instead of going through the drive-through for things like: prescriptions, your morning coffee, fast food---park that car and go inside. Standing in line and seeing other people on a regular basis gets you in the habit of conversing, being polite, noticing things about people, and making connections!
- When traveling alone, take this ideal opportunity to make connections with others—make small talk—you never know how God will use you, even in a small way, to minister to the person you have connected with for a brief moment.
- Do you love books???? Join or create a book group.
- You know that co-worker that you see five days a week? Get to know that person better by asking for their advice in a certain area. The question could be related to anything you might want to learn.
- Love to work out? Find a group exercise class to join. Joining a class will allow you a few moments to chat with others around you before and after class. If you make the class a regular habit, you'll be able to connect with people on a consistent basis and possibly a deeper level.
- Find a church activity or event and get involved! Check out the bulletin or website to see what's going on, and if you don't see anything, be sure to ask questions at the Connection Café on Sundays.
- Volunteer....There is perhaps no better way to get involved in your community than by volunteering. Food pantries, homeless shelters, local schools, your church... all need volunteers! Volunteering is a good thing to do all the way around. It helps build your self-esteem, it forces you to connect with others, and it gets you outside of your normal routine, and it helps you see God at work in people's lives.

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CONNECT: Take time to connect directly with people, the one thing that God values most. *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.* (John 3:16)

PRAY: Pray that God would lead you in connecting with people around you so that He can use you in a mighty and powerful way. He has given you individual skills and talents to use in your community and your church to connect with others and show them Jesus Christ.