



CONNECT GROUP MATERIAL

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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1. Please Note: Due to COVID-19 alert level 1, we are allowed to meet for in-person services. Please join us every Sunday at 09:30am, 16:30 and 18:00 at Stellenbosch High School.
2. **Training season** is starting soon. We will have two trainings running at the same time. If you have not done equip, we recommend you start there. The training season is for six weeks from 11 May - 15 June at the church office 18:30-20:30. This is on a Tuesday. Please Sign up online or contact freddie@enstb.co.za for more information.
3. **Corporate Prayer** this Thursday at ENSTB church office. 19:00-20:00.
4. **Victory Training** is a time of providing a platform for you to experience breakthroughs in every area of your life. Learn about the hope we have in Jesus. Sign up on our website. 21 and 22 May. Please sign up before the time to receive preparation materials.
5. You can find all the information needed for any forms of generosity during this time, on our website www.enstb.co.za.

CONNECT

5 min

Connect

Warm-up question:

What is one thing you have always wanted to do but been too afraid to try?

Testimony:

Share a testimony of an answered prayer or share a testimony of someone you have reached in the last week.

THE WORD

10 min

The Word

Being able to read and understand the Bible for oneself is an important spiritual foundation that every disciple of Jesus should constantly be growing in. Connect group is the perfect place for us to practice this and grow together in our reading and understanding of God's word. We are going to be using a Biblical study tool called ROAD to guide us as we look at the key scripture today. This tool is also perfect for studying God's Word in your own quiet time and daily devotions.

The ROAD method works as follows:

R - Read (Ask someone in your group to read the chosen piece of scripture out loud and then ask everyone to read it quietly to themselves one or two more times)

O - Observe (Ask everyone to take about 5mins to write down their observations from the scripture. For example; What makes sense? What doesn't? What stands out to you? What do you find most interesting about what is said or about something that took place in the story? Is there a command to obey, or a promise to believe in?)

A - Ask questions (Ask everyone to take about 5mins to write down any questions that arise from the text and to try and think of the answer. For example; What is the main message being communicated from the text? What did this mean to the original audience it was written for? What does this mean for us today? What does this tell us about God?)

D - Discuss and Do (Share your observations, questions and answers as a group. Then ask and decide on how you will apply this to your life. What will you do based on the truth that you have heard?)

Key Scripture:

Acts 4:10-22

[10] let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. [11] This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. [12] And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” [13] Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. [14] But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. [15] But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, [16] saying, “What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. [17] But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.” [18] So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. [19] But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, [20] for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.” [21] And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened. [22] For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

PERSONAL APPLICATION 15min

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Inward Application:

In what part of your life are you being disobedient and held back by fear? Ask God for forgiveness, and the Holy Spirit for boldness to obey and honour God.

Outward Application:

Ask God to show you where he wants you to step out in boldness to advance his kingdom this week.

PRAYER

Prayer

10min

Pray that we will be a people that are filled with the presence and power of God, being bold and courageous to glorify Him and advance His kingdom.