

### **SESSION ONE**

# CONNECTING WITH WORDS: CONNECTING WITH THE BODY

Key Scriptures		Notes:
Proverbs 18:21 Ephesians 4:29		
Opening		
What makes you feel "connected" to an individual or a group of people?		
Watch the Session 1 Video.		
Discuss the following questions:		
1.	What do you think the writer of Proverbs means when he says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue"?	
2.	What role does grace play in our lives? How should our need for grace affect how we deal with other people?	
3.	What are some practical ways we can connect others with grace in our daily lives?	
4.	Who is the most encouraging person you know and why?	
5.	How can we be intentional about using our words to be an encourager?	

#### **SESSION TWO**

## CONNECTING WITH WORDS: DON'T CONNECT TO THE GOSSIP TRAIN

Key Scriptures	Notes:
James 1:26 Proverbs 6:16–19	
Opening	
Ask the group if they have ever played the game telephone - maybe even play a game of it if time permits. How does this game mirror how gossip often works?	
Watch the Session 2 Video.	
Discuss the following questions:	
<ol> <li>Without sharing names or too much information, what are real-life examples of opportunities you've had to participate in gossip? How did you handle it?</li> </ol>	
2. Have you ever been the subject of gossip? Whether yes or no, how does gossip hurt people?	
3. How does God feel about gossip? How do you know?	
4. What are some methods for stopping the gossip train? Are there any challenges with these methods?	
5. What are benefits of having a non-functioning gossip train?	

### **SESSION THREE**

# CONNECTING WITH WORDS: CONNECTING WITH JESUS

Key Scriptures		Notes:
Matthew 6:7–13 John 10:27		
Opening		
Ask the group: to think about their closest friend- ship. How does consistent communication contrib- ute to the health of those relationships?		
Watch the Session 3 Video.		
Discuss the following questions:		
1.	Do you think God understands the way we talk? How should this affect the way we pray?	
2.	How should we view prayer: as a privilege or a responsibility? Why?	
3.	Take a moment and recount the A.C.T.S. prayer plan. How can having a structure to prayer help us build a daily discipline of prayer?	
4.	How does prayer affect your everyday life?	
5.	What are some practical steps we can commit to take this week to help us build a life of prayer?	

#### **SESSION FOUR**

## CONNECTING WITH WORDS: CONNECTING OTHERS TO JESUS

Key Scriptures		Notes:
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Opening		
Ask the group: what is the biggest obstacle you face when attempting to share your faith with someone else?		
Watch the Session 4 Video.		
Discuss the following questions:		
1.	"Credibility is the currency of leadership."  Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?	
2.	Why must we be connected to God before trying to connect others to Him?	
3.	How can each of us effectively connect people to Jesus despite our varying personality types?	
4.	Questions are powerful. What are some questions that can be used in our everyday lives as conversation starters to open the door for connection?	
5.	What can you do to better prepare for when the opportunity arises to give an answer for the hope that you have?	