



Connect – In relationship

“If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him and have seen Him. ... After a little while the world will no longer see Me, ... In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.” – John 14:7, 19-20. Jesus reconnected what got disconnected in the Garden of Eden - relationship with the Father. Every relationship connects to the world or to the One. Be sure your relationships, especially in family connect to the One, Jesus the Christ.

Dad - Underline a rating on your dad’s ability to connect in relationship with:

Friends;	...	...	...	<i>low</i>	...	<i>so-so</i>	...	<i>high</i>
Peers at work;	...	...	...	<i>low</i>	...	<i>so-so</i>	...	<i>high</i>
Extended family;	...	...	...	<i>low</i>	...	<i>so-so</i>	...	<i>high</i>
Your mother and family; and	...	...	...	<i>low</i>	...	<i>so-so</i>	...	<i>high</i>
His father and the Father.	...	...	...	<i>low</i>	...	<i>so-so</i>	...	<i>high</i>

Student - Circle a rating on the level of how your dad connects in relationships today for each category.

(Dad - encourage honesty and listen well to the ratings. Accept affirmation and steer clear of being defensive.)

Dad - Give a specific example on why you rated your dad *high*, and another where the rating is *low* or *so-so*.

Student - Do the same.

Discussion time:

Reflecting on scripture, do you think Philip “got it” at this point?

- Do you feel the disciples were comforted by this conversation? Are you?
- Discuss Jesus as the Connector, reconnecting man in relationship with the Father through Himself. What does this mean to you?
- What choice does He offer each of us?

Family connections - Husband-wife; father-mother; Father-child; Mother-child.

- How do you stay connected in family relationships today?
- Discuss any disconnect that exists in family relationships.
- How can or do your relationships in family encourage connection with Christ?

Beyond family connections - Extended family; friends; peers.

- Are these relationships typically connected to the world or to the One?
- What is your responsibility in all relationships?
- How can you better reflect your connection with Christ in relationship with others?

We commit to: _____

Prayer: Lord, thank You for reconnecting what got disconnected in the Garden of Eden - the relationship You desired with man. Help me understand the eternal perspective of my relationship with You, how You can reconcile the disconnecting choices I have made over the years and how I am to facilitate connection with the next generation. Guide me in living my personal relationship with You daily in marriage and reflect it in family and beyond. Amen.