

4. Read Ephesians 2:19-22. How do these statements help us to understand the basis of our connectivity? What were some of the areas of disconnection prevalent in the early church?
5. What barriers to connecting can we see in our church today? How can we address and correct these?
6. Look at the three reasons mentioned in the message for why we are better together. Discuss these, and decide which reason you believe is the one that motivates you to develop your connecting with others.

LIVING OUT OUR VALUES10 minutes

Value #1:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind....and love your neighbor as yourself.”



What are some practical ways we can live out this value at AAC?



LOOKING TO THE LORD 20 Minutes

The final component of our time together will be our “worship” time, in which we can pray about what we discussed. If some in the group are musically inclined, you can add on the element of singing praise to the Lord.

Take time to “connect with God” in praise and prayer, thanking Him for who He is and what He is teaching you about connecting better with one another.

Pray for those people you know who don’t know Jesus Christ and you are seeking to connect with Him.

Pray for one another’s needs.

Next: **Connecting with God – Understanding our Identity**



**Part 1
Let’s Connect:
Why we are
better together!**

A look at Connecting

Definition...

Things that connect....

What happens when people connect...

Overview of the Series

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Discussion Guide

February 3 - 9, 2019

“CONNECTING: We Are Better Together”

Part 1: Let’s Connect – Why we are better together!”

Based on the message given by Pastor Brian Reynolds on Sunday February 3, 2019.

What connecting looks like:

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. *(Acts 2:42-47)*

- _____ **together**
- _____ **one another**
- _____ **God together**
- _____ **resources with one another**
- _____ **come into connection**

Why we are better together:

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. *(Ephesians 2:19-22)*

- **God** _____ **to Himself and one another.**
- **God’s Holy Spirit** _____ **as we work together.**
- **God’s greater glory is** _____ **the connectivity and unity of His people.**

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All Scripture references are from “The Holy Bible: New International Version” unless otherwise noted.

RECONNECTING10 minutes

Take a few minutes to introduce yourselves. Briefly share how long you have been a part of Alliston Alliance Church, and what brought you to this church family.

As you begin this time together looking at “Connecting”, what is one thing you are hoping that God might do in your life?

DIGGING IN 50 minutes



Read Acts 2:42-47 together, and pray for this time of discussion to help us learn more about how we can connect.

1. What does the word “connecting” mean to you? Does it have a positive or negative connotation? Why?
2. In Acts 2:42-47, what aspects of connecting do you believe we are strong in at AAC? What aspects could we improve on?
3. For yourself, which aspects are you strong at? Which could you improve on?