

LIVING IN 3D

Developing Friendships, Discovering Stories, and Discerning Next Steps **Connecting 103 Series Week 2**

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Review/ Report

Introduction Video

Neighbor Quiz:

Neighbor 1: _____

Neighbor 2: _____

Neighbor 3: _____

Neighbor 4: _____

Video

Small Group Discussion

Developing Friendships

Sometimes, the longer people walk with Christ, the fewer their interactions with people living far from God. Others experience an increase in their

love quotient for people outside the faith and become more of a “connector.” What pattern have you seen in your life?

Developing friendship means that we are intentional about relating to people living far from God. What are some ways you can be intentional? What are your interests? How could you use them to connect with those who need to know God?

Discovering Stories

In what ways can you relate to various aspects of “Super” Dave’s story?

- *Negative religious experiences during adolescent years*
- *Witnessed a close friend submitting their life to Christ*
- *Significant loss – for Dave, it was the death of his father*
- *Lengthy journey to faith in God*

Why do you think it is often important to understand a person’s story before trying to engage in spiritual discussions with them?

Consider someone with whom you have developed a friendship or hope to, how might you go about discovering his or her story? What is one question you could ask to understand his or her life journey better?

Discerning Next Steps

What would you say were the circumstances surrounding and next step actions taken by Bill toward “Super” Dave?

How can we be ready when God makes next steps available? How can we recognize them?

If you have a relationship in which next steps might be in order, what resource is God prompting you to provide, a book or CD, a listening ear, a few hours of time?

Action point

What one intentional step will you take this week to connect with or serve someone who does not know God? If you feel comfortable share this in your group.

Prayer (in small groups)

Pray for any action points people share and any other requests.

Concluding Video

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