

# CONNECT 4: PRAYER, PEOPLE, PURPOSE, & THE POWER OF SCRIPTURE

*January 3, 2021 Luke 11:1-4*

## OPENING QUESTION

Have you ever played the children's game Connect 4? Are you good at it?

## CONNECT 1: PRAYER - *Luke 11:1-4*

- The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, since they weren't sure how to pray in the new Kingdom.

1. Do you ask the Holy Spirit to help you pray for God's will in your life?
2. What does it mean to pray for God's Kingdom to come to us?

## CONNECT 2: PEOPLE - *Ephesians 4:15-16*

- Speaking the truth in love is what God does for us, and we should do for one another.

1. How do you speak the truth in love to those who are near to you? How do they speak the truth in love to you?
2. Do we really need other people to live the Kingdom life? Why? What does it mean that Jesus is the Head of the body of Christ?

## CONNECT 3: PURPOSE - *Ephesians 2:8-10*

- In Ephesians 2:8-9, Paul tells us how works cannot save us, but only faith in Christ can bridge the gap to God.
- But Paul also says we are to pursue the work God set out for us to do for His Kingdom (v. 10).

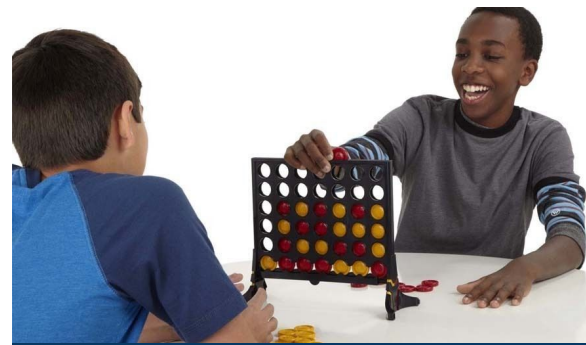
1. Have you made a decision to put your faith in Christ and not in your works?
2. Do you believe that God has prepared work for you to do for His Kingdom? Can you share an example of how he prepared the way for you to accomplish His purpose?

## CONNECT 4: POWER OF SCRIPTURE

*2 Timothy 3:16-17*

- God gave us His word so that we can know His will.
- Scripture equips us for the work God has for us to do for His Kingdom.

1. How often do you spend time in God's word, listening to what the Holy Spirit is teaching you?
2. Are you willing to make a New Year's resolution to spend more time in God's word in 2021? There are many outstanding Bible reading plans available online.



## CLOSING QUESTIONS

### Hear

What are some things that stood out to you in this week's sermon and Scriptures?

### Obey

Where are you in the areas of Connect 4: Prayer, People, Purpose, Power of Scripture? Are these four things part of your daily walk with Jesus? What do you need to change in 2021 to be equipped for and pursue the work God has prepared in advance for you?

### Pray

Pray that God will show you how He wants your devotion in all areas of your life in 2021. How can you pray for one another in these areas this week?