



Week 1: Connect Relationally

The contemporary church is losing ground in an ever-growing secular culture. In order to stay faithful, it's imperative that every Jesus follower be connected to a local body of believers where they can be reminded of their true identity and equipped in spiritual competency to combat the lies that have been normalized in the world.

Discussion Questions:

1. In the message, Shawn said that we're in a fight. Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
2. **Read Ephesians 6:12.** Paul is clear that our fight is not with people, but if you watch the news or engage in social media, it certainly looks that way. According to this text, who is the fight against? How does (or how should) this reframe the contentious topics we're battling as a society? What might change if people knew we were fighting *for* them, not *against* them?
3. 2 Corinthians 4:4 says that Satan has blinded the minds of unbelievers. What are some ways that people are being blinded today? Has this been true of you personally? Explain.
4. As a follower of Jesus, do you feel like you're in the minority? Has this made following Jesus more difficult? How so? In light of this, why is it so important to be connected into a church, and particularly, a small group? How has this connection helped your faith personally?
5. **Read Galatians 6:9-10.** How do we avoid growing weary and giving up?
6. What are some steps you can take to connect even deeper at Center Pointe?