



# I LOVE MY CONNECT

## STUDY 10

### Carrying His Name

**Numbers 6:22-27, John 17:6, Revelation 3:7-13**

God has put his name on us. There is no greater name than the name of Jesus; his name has the power to transform lives. God has taken us from terrible situations and has put his love in our hearts, allowing his name to be our portion, allowing us to know Jesus personally – we are *Christ-ians*. God transforms our lives because he loves us and desires to bless us, but also so we can be agents of change and transformation to the world around us. As carriers of God's name, we are carriers of everything his name represents, contributors to his kingdom, revealing him through our hearts and actions to others.

As we carry the name of Jesus Christ, we carry the heart of God. As a church, as carriers of his name, we take the heart of God to the world, and believe that God will help us represent him well and carry his name with grace. We are representatives of the Most High God, while we enjoy his blessing, we are committed to him and remember our responsibility. We take our commitment seriously, and actively become the hands and feet of Jesus in our communities, making a difference in the lives of the hurting, the lost, the homeless, the beaten, and the broken.

We are a faithful church. We have pillars in our church, reliable faithful people, who honor God and put him first. God promises open doors for faithful churches. We believe God will open doors that no man can shut – in our lives, in our homes, and in the things he has called us to do. If persecution, opposition, or challenge comes we know and trust the promise and the power of our Almighty God. God is our keeper and he goes before us. Our lives proclaim God's grace, blessing, peace, prosperity, provision, and protection as we trust in the name of Jesus. Let us be people who selflessly share his name, living our lives putting God's name on the people around us as he has lovingly put his name on us.

**CONNECTION AND ACTION** Use these questions to promote conversation and connection.

**ICEBREAKER:** Share a (perhaps humorous) story of a time you were asked to carry something valuable (e.g. best man and wedding rings), and it went all wrong. What happened?

- Q:** What does it mean to "carry" the name of Jesus?
- Q:** Who are some people you know who "carry" Jesus well in life? What qualities do they display?
- Q:** In what ways can we as the church be the hands and feet of Jesus to the people around us?
- Q:** Share a story of someone who was blessed because you reached out to them with the heart and hands of Jesus?
- Q:** What opportunities do you have in your life now to be the heart and hands of Jesus to people in your world? Spend time praying together for these opportunities.

#### HIGHLIGHTS COMING UP

- Sisterhood United Night – 19.08.2014
- Friday (Brisbane) & Sunday Night Lives
- Foundation Breakfast – 23.08.2014

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**BIBLE AND BELIEF** Use these questions and scriptures to help believers develop a biblical worldview.

**Read: Number 6:22-27**

- Q:** What does this passage say God will do?
- Q:** What does this passage tell you about God's heart for his people?
- Q:** What do you make of the statements about the Lord making *his face* shine on you and turning *his face* toward you?
- Q:** In this passage, what is the relationship between Aaron's blessing (v22) and God's blessing of the people (v23, 27)?
- Q:** What does it mean to "put my name" on the Israelites? (v27)
- Q:** This blessing was initially given to the people of Israel in the wilderness, several thousand years ago. How does it apply to our lives today?
- Q:** Which of these blessings is easiest for you to believe for? Which is most challenging? Why?
- Q:** Are there any conditions to this blessing?
- Q:** How do these passages help us carry God's name to others?

**GROWING LEADERSHIP** Use these questions to help people in your group grow as leaders.

- Q:** How does identifying yourself as someone who carries the name of Jesus change or empower your leadership?
- Q:** Identify specific ways your group or team can be the hands and feet of Jesus. What about in your work or business?
- Q:** Consider how your face can smile, shine and lift up your team. How can you carry more of the heart of God to them?
- Q:** What does it mean to pronounce a blessing over someone? How can you "bless" your team?
- Q:** Identify "pillars" in your team or group. What makes them faithful? What qualities about them bring life? How can you encourage them?
- Q:** How does your leadership spell-out God's character and reveal his very real-self to others? What areas do you need more of his grace to carry

## PRAY TOGETHER

- Decisions for Jesus in our Services
- Pastors Brian & Bobbie Houston

## PASTORAL CARE

- We have a pastoral care team at church to walk alongside people in your group who may be going through a tough time
- Please contact the church office Sydney 02 8853 5353, Melbourne 03 9720 2099, Brisbane 07 3422 8500 or Newcastle 02 4927 1888 to let us know of anybody in your group (with their permission) who have sickness, death of a loved one, marriage challenges, surgeries.

## NATION BUILDERS – ON MISSION

One of the best ways we can make a difference as a connect is to regularly PRAY for the Nation Builders causes we support, and regularly inspire your group to receive your Nation Builders offering. Your giving makes a massive difference in helping us 'reach and influencing the world'.

Hillsong Church, Kiev & Moscow

Please take the time to pray for our churches in Kiev and Moscow, especially at this uncertain time. If you follow Ps Bobbie on twitter /Instagram, you will have seen amazing pictures contrasting the atmosphere of value and hope inside the Colour services with the tragic scenes on the streets: "Let's keep praying God's will into all this unrest and tension. Many of us might be removed from this geographically, but these are our brothers and sisters. Our hearts are with them, right?" Let's express the convictions of our hearts and please take the time to give a great Nation Builders offering.

