



I LOVE MY CONNECT

CONNECT 4

Brave women know that the Word is an indispensable weapon

'God's Word is an indispensable weapon.'
(Ephesians 6:17 MSG)

The Bible is an indispensable weapon for Christians. When we live by the Word, as Jesus did, we can resist temptation (Matthew 4:4). When we walk by the Word, as the Psalmist did, we see the path ahead. The Word is life and health to us (Proverbs 4:22). However we need to recognize the inherent power of God's Word and its ability to transform us and then use it.

Take some time to consider the following questions:

- Read Romans 12:1,2. How does the Word change us?
- We need to both meditate on and study the Word
- **EXERCISE:** Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5.

Meditation: Take some time to meditate on these verses? What have you learned? What don't you understand? What do you need to change in your own life?

Study: (Taken from the NIV Study Bible)

Cross references from NIV Study Bible: Look up the cross references and think about how they help deepen your understanding of the verses: **v.4** – 2 Corinthians 6:7; 1 Corinthians 2:5, 8; Jeremiah 1:19; 23:29; 2 Corinthians 13:10. **v.5** – Isaiah 2:11,12; 1 Corinthians 1:19; 2 Corinthians 9:13.

Extract from NIV Study notes on v.4 – 'weapons we fight with' Paul is prepared for warfare; his weapons, however, are not the weapons prized by this fallen world and fashioned by human pride (cf. 1:17; 4:2). 'stronghold' 'Of 'arguments' and 'every pretension (v.5) defiantly raised 'against the knowledge of God' (cf. Romans 1:18-23), among which are the faulty reasonings by which the false apostles have been trying to shake the faith of the Christians in Corinth. (See 1 Corinthians 2:13,14) How do these notes help your understanding of these verses?

Pray: Pray for each other that you will become lovers and users of the Word.

Note to leaders: The idea of these abbreviated studies is that we provide a springboard for conversation and prayer out of the message but then leave plenty of time for the other important aspects of connection, care, encouragement and mobilization.

HIGHLIGHTS COMING UP

- EASTER WEEKEND – Who can you invite to church during this powerful weekend!! From our Good Friday services (joining in Communion) to our Resurrection Sunday services (with Jay John Sunday night), we will be celebrating the Cross = Love message of Jesus. See myhillsong.com/easter for service times and everything you need to know.

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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 in your group to pray for our church in Kiev and Moscow at this time of global uncertainty. Let's pray for peace in this region and for wisdom for the governments involved. Please pray for our Pastors and our people in both Moscow and Kiev, that they will continue to focus on Jesus and that the church will go from strength to strength in these challenging times.

