



# I LOVE MY CONNECT

## STUDY 9

### Power in the Name of Jesus – Part 2

**John 18, Mathew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-18, Luke 24:45-49, John 20:21**

Jesus gives us his name to be a blessing. In every circumstance we face we call on the beautiful, powerful name of Jesus. When we call on the name of the Lord, we know it is not our power, our strength, our godliness, but through the name of Jesus Christ that the work of God is gloriously displayed in our lives.

Nothing can stand against the name of Jesus. No matter what satanic force, bondage, opposition that comes against us, every tongue and every knee will bow to Jesus our Lord. Whatever we face, whatever is confronting us, whatever tries to bind us, even in the bleakest of circumstances we can call on the name that is above every name and expect God to hear us and can trust we have all the protection, resource, authority, provision, strength and empowerment to be a blessing.

In faith we speak the name of Jesus into the needs of people. We speak Jesus where there is sickness, desperation, heartache, lack, overwhelming circumstances, depression, void and emptiness. As people look to us, and marvel at the supernatural power outworked in our lives, we turn their eyes to Jesus, and give all honor and glory to God for the miraculous works accomplished in his name.

Let us enter into the power and promise of God, and speak life, healing, forgiveness, hope, promise, and victory in the name of Jesus. No matter what opposition we may face, we know the power we have in Jesus' name. Each day, may we know the power in our hearts – the power of Jesus, Savior of the world – may we boldly and gently speak his name over all things, reaching the masses for his glory and our glorious future together with him.

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

**ICEBREAKER:** *Name-dropping. We all do it. Share a humorous name-dropping story.*

**Q:** Why do we say “in Jesus’ name” at the end of our prayers? Does it really make a difference?

**Q:** Share an occasion where you saw someone healed “in Jesus’ name”.

**Q:** How do we go about “speaking life in the name of Jesus” into difficult circumstances?

**Q:** How can we “speak life” into our workplace and the lives of our unsaved friends & family?

**Q:** Have you ever laid hands on a sick person and prayed for them in Jesus’ name? What happened?

**Q:** Where do you need to speak the name of Jesus? Spend some time speaking the name of Jesus into each other’s lives.

#### HIGHLIGHTS COMING UP

- Friday (Brisbane) & Sunday Nights - During the month of August we present the Gospel in new and innovative ways! What a great opportunity to bring friends and family to Church!!

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

**Read: Mark 16:17-18**

What does Jesus mean when he says "In my name" they will perform these miracles? What's the significance of doing these things in Jesus' name? Does using the name of Jesus make a difference in a healing situation? How? Why? What happens if we don't mention his name?

**Read: Acts 19:11-18**

In these verses Paul is able to do miracles, but the sons of Sceva are not, even though they use the name of Jesus. Why was that? What lessons can we learn from that?

**Read: John 14:12-14, 16:23-26**

In these verses Jesus talks about asking for things "in my name." Why do we pray "in the name of Jesus"? What difference does asking "in his name" actually make? Jesus said whoever believes in him will do greater things. What does Jesus mean here? What greater things does he have in mind?

What does it take for us to go out in Jesus' authority, speak his name in desperate circumstance, and see breakthroughs?

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

- Q:** How can a leader grow in spiritual authority?
- Q:** How do you go about speaking life into the situations in which you're a leader? How could you do this in an appropriate way in the workplace or with unsaved family and friends?
- Q: Activity** Role-play ways you could speak life into the following situations:

- A discouraged team-member or co-worker.
- A person in your world facing a sickness.
- Someone who has just experienced disappointment in a relationship.
- A new CG leader who is having difficulty growing their CG.
- A team-member, co-worker or employee who is not performing well.

**Strategise:** Brainstorm some ways your CG could maximize our One Hour Connect initiative.

**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.

