

BLESSING OTHERS AS A CG

In this season, God is calling us to be His light and to be a blessing to those that don't know Him. Below are some ideas on how you, together with your Connect Group members, can be a blessing to those outside of your Connect Group!

1. PRAY AND CONNECT

- As a CG, commit to setting aside 20 minutes a week to pray and connect with someone.
 - I. The purpose of the call is to find out how he/she is doing in this season.
 - II. Whenever possible or appropriate, share hope and joy with them that can be found in Jesus!
- If any of you prayed for a particular need for someone during the connect call, be sure to check in with them again either with a short video call or dropping them a text message!

2. LOVING MY NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBOURS

- We could display God's love for our neighbours through the small things, such as meeting the simple needs of our next-door neighbours.
- How to meet their needs (Some ideas)
 - I. During grocery shopping, picking up an extra food item (if you are financially able) to give to your next-door neighbours.
 - II. Lending them household items that they might need
 - III. During meal times, helping to "dabao" their meals

3 INVITATION

- One of the best ways you can be a blessing to those outside of your Connect Group is simply to invite them to Connect Group or Church Online!
- Here's a simple and effective way that you can follow to invite them to Connect Group.
 - I. Spend 3-5 minutes praying for the person that you are inviting, that God will open his/her heart.
 - II. Send an invite using images from vfc.org/media. Inviting someone has never been easier!
 - III. As a CGL, you might want to craft a sample invite message for your members who might have difficulties doing so.
 - IV. If he/she cannot make it for any reason, you can follow-up with another invite to our Sunday's Church Online or to Connect Group the following Friday.



HOW TO BLESS

The bible proclaims that we are to be a blessing to the people around us. There are many ways to bless people.

Some Examples Include;

1. Giving Gifts
2. Delivering Food
3. Words of Encouragement/Appreciation
4. Writing a Card
5. Simply by Smiling
6. Being a Listening Ear
7. Treat Them a Meal or Drink
8. Invite Someone Over
9. A Warm Embrace

And you can probably think of more. The secret is to find ways to bless the people around us with

- Notes (post-it note on a desk, pillow or under a windscreen wiper)
- Calls
- Cards
- Verses (through an anonymous card)
- Emails
- Texts
- Prayer support
- A pat on the back
- A word of recognition
- A look that says "I believe in you!"
- A gift, voucher, flowers or a treat

Because there is power in the words we speak, a simple encouragement has the power to change someone's day, week or life. The best encouragement gives us perspective that God is with us.

Examples of Encouraging Words

- "You're doing a great job even though you think no one notices."
- "Don't worry, you may have missed it this time, but you can try again"
- "I really believe you can do it - even if you don't believe in yourself"
- "Great Job! Thanks for the hard work!"
- "I know it's a big challenge, but I'm praying for you"
- "You're not alone - I'll be here for you!"
- "I will always love you! It doesn't matter if you try and fail."

Therefore, when we choose not to be selfish but be generous, we will reap the blessings that come with it. For God is the ultimate blesser.