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Built Different

Series Connect Notes.

Dear Leaders,

We have introduced consistent Go Goals each series to help provide a simple missional framework you and your cg members can easily adopt into their walk with the Lord.

These Go Goals are:

1. Generosity (Ideas include shout someone coffee or lunch, cook a meal, create a hamper etc.)
2. Prayer (Praying for someone. For example, asking, "Is there anything you need prayer for?")
3. Invitation (Inviting someone to church. For example, "Would you like to come to church with me?")

Please discuss these Go Goals each cg with your members. We know as you discuss stories of people putting these goals into action, it will build a great sense of being on mission.

Please see the Announcements below to help your cg members take Next Steps and know what's coming up.

Announcements:

Vision Builders	Vision Builders 2026 is happening June 19 at our Northern Beaches location. This night is about expanding and accelerating the vision God has given our church – from supporting families in need to building spaces that shape the future. Head to c3syd.church to register & rally your Connect Group!
Water Baptisms	<i>We're celebrating baptisms on Sunday 14th June across all our locations. Baptism is a powerful public declaration of faith. If someone in your connect group is ready to take this step, they can register using this link:</i> https://c3syd.ucareapp.com/forms/24/embed

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Online Prayer	If someone in your connect group can't make it to a face-to-face prayer meeting, our Online Prayer Meeting is a great alternative! Here's the link to join or share: https://c3syd.church/prayer/
Freedom Ministry	Freedom Ministry is Holy Spirit directed and empowered prayer ministry aimed to bring healing to an individual, spirit, soul and body. If you or anyone in your cg is interested in accessing this ministry, please fill in the form below and our team will be in touch: https://c3syd.info/freedom

Message Series Overview

Message Series Title:	BUILT DIFFERENT
Message Series Scriptures:	The Book of Titus
Series Purpose:	<i>But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, He saved us, ...by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit</i> Titus 3:4-5 (ESV)
Weekly Overview:	Week 1: Built Different: Intro + be Pure Week 2: Built to be Filled with the Spirit - PENTECOST SUNDAY Week 3: Built to Live Multi-Generationally Week 4: Built to Sound Different Week 5: Built to do Good Works

Week 1: Connect week notes

Connect Week Notes	Week 1: 24th – 30th May 2026
Message Title:	Built to be Spirit-Filled
Message Date:	24 th May 2026 PENTECOST SUNDAY
Key Scriptures for this week:	<i>whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour</i> Titus 3:6 (ESV)

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But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8 (ESV)

Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit. Joel 2:29 (ESV)

Historical Context, Commentary + supporting references:

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Titus is written to put the church in order (Titus 1:5). Paul’s response is more than doctrinal correction; it is formation! His strategy is clear: Right belief must produce right living. The credibility of the gospel is seen in the conduct of God’s people.

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Connect Group Resources:

- Bible Project – Overview of Titus (Video) <https://bibleproject.com/videos/titus/>
- Book: [Practicing the Way – John Mark Comer](#)
- Podcast: C3 SYD (Built Different Series) <https://www.youtube.com/@C3SYD/videos>
- [Excerpt - After You Believe Why Christian Character Matters - N. T. Wright.pdf](#)

Connect Group Message:

As a church, we've started this *Built Different* series with a clear foundation: **God changes us to change our community.** Paul begins Titus by pointing us to salvation. Before anything about behaviour or lifestyle, he reminds us of what God has already done. In Titus 3:4–7, we see that we are saved because of God's kindness, love, and mercy.

And that salvation is not just a moment, it's the beginning of transformation. Paul describes it as rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5). God makes us new, and He continues to form us over time. As **2 Corinthians 5:17** says, we are a new creation.

This is where purity comes in. As a church, we're reclaiming purity; not as a set of rules, but as a way of seeing. Paul writes, "To the pure, all things are pure" (**Titus 1:15**), and Jesus says, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God" (**Matthew 5:8**). Purity is about having a heart that is aligned with God, where our motives are not mixed and our perspective is shaped by Him.

When our hearts are being renewed, it affects how we see people, how we interpret situations, and how we respond. Proverbs reminds us, "Above all else, guard your heart" (**Proverbs 4:23**). What shapes our inner world will shape our outer lives. We begin to live with clarity, sincerity, and wholeness.

In Week 2, we focused on being Spirit-filled. The Holy Spirit has been poured out generously into our lives (Titus 3:6). He is the one who brings transformation and empowers us to live in a way that reflects Jesus. This speaks to the nearness and abundance of God's presence in our lives. The Spirit is active in both transforming us and empowering us to live as witnesses. Jesus says in Acts 1:8 that we receive power to be His witnesses.

The Spirit's work is both immediate and ongoing. Paul reflects this in Philippians 1:6, reminding us that God will carry on the work He started in us. He is shaping our whole lives, as seen in 1 Thessalonians 5:23, where Paul speaks of being sanctified through and through.

Connect Group Discussion Questions:

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- Reflect and share; what has helped you feel connected or known in our church community?
- Who are people that have helped shape your faith journey so far? What did you learn from them?
- What would it look like for our connect group to be a place where people can be real about where they're at?

GROW

- Where have you noticed God forming or changing you recently, even in small ways?
- When you hear the word "purity," what comes to mind? Has that shifted through this week's message/devotional?
- Are there areas of your life where your perspective might need a purity realignment?

GO

- How could having a clearer, more "pure" perspective change the way you engage with people in your world?
- Where do you find it hardest to reflect Jesus in your day-to-day life?
- What is one environment this week where you can be more intentional about reflecting Christ?

Week 2: Connect week notes

Connect Week Notes	Week 2 – 7th -13th June 2026
Message Title:	Built to Sound Different
Message Date:	7 th June 2026
Key Scriptures for this week:	<p><i>to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone. At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. Titus 3:2-3 (NIV)</i></p> <p><i>But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless. Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them. You may</i></p>

be sure that such people are warped and sinful; they are self-condemned. Titus 3:9-11 (NIV)

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- Book: [Emotionally Healthy Spirituality – Peter Scazzero](#)

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- Podcast: C3 SYD (Pentecost Sunday) <https://www.youtube.com/@C3SYD/videos>

Connect Group Message:

Over the past two weeks, we've been leaning into what it looks like to live as people who are truly being formed by God.

In Week 3, we saw that this formation doesn't happen in isolation. In Titus 2:2–8, Paul describes a church where different generations are actively involved in each other's growth; teaching, modelling, and encouraging.

This reflects God's design for the church as a body (1 Corinthians 12:12) and a community that spurs one another on (Hebrews 10:24–25). This speaks to the kind of church we are building. We don't want to be siloed by age or stage; we want to be a spiritual family. A place where wisdom is passed on, where people are known, and where growth happens in relationship.

Formation happens in community. The way we live together, support one another, and speak into each other's lives all plays a role in how we reflect Jesus.

Together, these weeks remind us that we are filled by the Spirit and formed in community, for the sake of others.

In the final weeks of *Built Different*, the focus shifts to how transformation becomes visible in everyday life; through our words and our actions.

In Week 4, we explored how Paul speaks about the way we use our words. In Titus 3:2, he calls believers to be gentle, peaceable, and considerate. This reflects a heart that has been changed. He also reminds us of who we once were in Titus 3:3, which helps us approach others with humility. In a world where conversations can quickly become reactive or divisive, the way we speak can stand out.

Paul goes on to warn against "foolish controversies" and divisiveness (Titus 3:9–11). In a culture full of noise and strong opinions, choosing restraint and unity matters. Scripture calls us to be "eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit" (Ephesians 4:3).

At C3 SYD, we want to be people who carry the tone of Jesus; grace-filled, wise, and measured. Our words should build, not tear down, and reflect the work God is doing in us.

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- What has your experience been with multi-generational community in church?
- How can we better reflect being a “family” rather than just a group that meets?
- Is there someone in a different stage of life you feel drawn to connect with more intentionally?

GROW

- How aware are you of the Holy Spirit in your everyday life at the moment?
- What might it look like for you to be more responsive to Him this week?
- Who in your life helps shape your faith, and who are you helping to shape?

GO

- How could being Spirit-led change the way you show up in your workplace, home, or friendships?
- In what ways can authentic Christian community point people toward Jesus?
- Is there someone you could intentionally encourage, include, or walk alongside this week?