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# Reclaim

## Connect Notes.

Dear Leaders,

We're now forming our Connect group discussion questions from our very own C3 SYD Devotional in YouVersion that is connected to each preaching series.

After each series launch, jump into our devotional to experience the rich and rewarding reading plan designed specifically for you and your Connect group. As we follow along in our individual devotions, this works together with our group discussions when we meet, to go deeper in the Word of God and discuss the wonderful truths of scripture.

We encourage you and your connect members to use the YouVersion app, and to follow C3 SYD as we launch each new series.: C3 SYD in [YouVersion App](#).

As you have seen already, we have also 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:

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: <a href="https://c3syd.church/prayer/">https://c3syd.church/prayer/</a>
Freedom Ministry	

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	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: <a href="https://c3syd.info/freedom">https://c3syd.info/freedom</a>
Sign Up Sunday	With a call for people to take their next step in joining a team or connect group, plan to be available after the service on July 5 <sup>th</sup> to encourage and connect with anyone interested in taking that step.
Prayer & Fasting	As a church we are stepping into 21 days of prayer and fasting from 13 July to 2 August. This is a special time where we intentionally seek God together and believe for breakthrough in our lives and across our church. You can learn our Prayer webpage: <a href="https://c3syd.church/prayer/">https://c3syd.church/prayer/</a>
Night Classes	<i>We have the third term of Night Class kicking off on the 15<sup>th</sup> July. This is a great opportunity as a connect leader to continue going deeper in areas of biblical &amp; theological studies to equip you to disciple those you lead. These are run on Wednesday Nights from 7:30-9:30pm. For more information on night classes check out the links below:</i>  <i>For info about Night Class - <a href="https://c3syd.church/internship/">https://c3syd.church/internship/</a></i>  <i>To directly enrol for Term 3 - <a href="https://c3syd.ucareapp.com/events/12/register">https://c3syd.ucareapp.com/events/12/register</a></i>

## Message Series Overview

<b>Message Series Title:</b>	<b>Reclaim</b>
<b>Message Series Scriptures:</b>	Joel 2:22-29
<b>Series Purpose:</b>	To unpack our "Reclaim" vision for 2026 in three specific areas: reclaiming influence, worship, and gifts and calling.
<b>Weekly Overview:</b>	<b>Week 1: Reclaiming Influence: Vision Builders Weekend</b> <b>Week 2: Reclaiming Worship</b> <b>Week 3: Reclaiming Gifts and Calling: Sign Up Sunday</b>

## Week 1: Connect week notes

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<b>Connect Week Notes</b>	<b>Week 1</b>
<b>Message Title:</b>	<b>Reclaiming Influence</b>
<b>Message Date:</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> June 2026</b>
<b>Key Scriptures for this week:</b>	<p><i>Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes.</i> Isaiah 54:2 (ESV UK)</p> <p><i>I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you. “You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame.</i> Joel 2:25-27 (ESV UK)</p>
<b>Context:</b>	
<p>We are a church whose DNA has always been to pioneer. Stewarding this pioneering influence is how we will glorify God, advance His Kingdom, and serve this city effectively. The week will unpack how our Vision Builders initiatives are ways that we steward such influence, together, and what reclaiming influence looks like in each region.</p> <p>Another key DNA of our church is our worship and songwriting. This week will unpack the prophetic sense of “a new sound of worship” and that God is restoring the mantle on our church to facilitate worship that is “like an observatory between heaven and earth” - (Our Vision Picture).</p>	
<b>Connect Group Resources</b>	
<p><a href="#">Mcrindle research on Faith &amp; Giving in Aus</a>  <a href="#">Eternity Article by Oslington</a>  <a href="#">TGC Blog - Theology of Blessing</a></p>	
<b>Connect Group Message:</b>	
<p>In Weeks 1 and 2, we explored what it means to <i>reclaim influence</i> and <i>reclaim worship</i> as part of our church’s DNA. Reclaiming <b>influence</b> reminds us that God has intentionally placed each of us in specific environments to be a light. Influence in the kingdom isn’t about status, it’s about stewardship. As we step out in faith, whether</p>	

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through generosity, serving, or everyday obedience, God expands our impact. He restores what's been lost and works through us to bring hope to others.

We can contribute to reclaiming the influence that our church is called to have by being a Vision Builder!  
**Facilitate discussion here around Vision Builders and what it means to pledge.**

Reclaiming **worship** brings us back to the heart. Worship is not performance or hype, but an overflow of a life surrendered to God. True worship flows from the inside out, anchored in who God is rather than our circumstances. We are all invited to participate, to bring our own voice, and to respond to God with fresh, authentic praise. Worship is powerful, shaping us and pointing others to Him.

Together, these weeks call us to live lives that are both *influential and surrendered*; people who carry God's presence into everyday spaces and respond to Him wholeheartedly.

### Connect Group Discussion Questions:

#### GATHER

- What's one moment from the past couple of weeks where you felt encouraged or refreshed?
- Which part of the messages (influence or worship) stood out to you most, and why?

#### GROW

- Read *Matthew 5:14–16*. What does it practically look like for you to be “the light” in your current environment?
- When it comes to influence, do you tend to hold back or step forward? What's behind that?
- Would you describe your worship as more “inside-out” or “outside-in”? What shapes that?

#### GO

- Who is one person you could intentionally influence or encourage this week?
- What's one practical way you can create space for worship in your daily rhythm?
- As a group, how can we help each other live more intentionally in both influence and worship?

## Week 2: Connect week notes

<b>Connect Week Notes</b>	<b>Week 2</b>
<b>Message Title:</b>	<b>Reclaiming Gifts and Calling</b>
<b>Message Date:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> July 2026
<b>Key Scriptures for this week:</b>	<i>And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. Matthew 22:37-39 (ESV UK),</i>

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	1 Corinthians 12:12-27
<b>Context:</b>	
<p>Jesus was unapologetic in his call to put God first in every aspect of our lives. This week we will encourage our church to be available to be used by God in their lives through planting in and contributing to church life. The call to action is for individuals and families to put God first by reactivate gifts that are dormant or have never been surrendered to God and taking a first step of joining a team and/or joining a group.</p>	
<b>Connect Group Resources</b>	
Bible Project video series on <a href="#">the Shema</a> : body, soul and strength	
<b>Connect Group Message:</b>	
<p><b>Reclaiming Gifts &amp; Calling</b> Week 3 brings us to <i>reclaiming gifts and calling</i>; a reminder that following Jesus is not just something we believe, but something we live.</p> <p>Jesus calls us to love God with <i>all</i> our heart, soul, and mind. This kind of surrender means placing Him first in every area of our lives not just in words, but in action. True Christianity flows from a heart transformed by God’s love.</p> <p>Each of us has been uniquely created and gifted by God. As <i>1 Corinthians 12</i> shows, we are all part of one body, and every part matters. There are no insignificant roles. Every gift has purpose, and every person has a part to play.</p> <p>Reclaiming our calling means moving from hesitation to availability. It’s saying, “Here I am, send me,” and being willing to step into what God has for us, even if we don’t have all the details.</p> <p>When we bring our hearts and our gifts to God, we become part of something much bigger; His redemptive plan. What we contribute has eternal impact, and as we plant ourselves in community, we grow, serve, and see lives transformed together.</p>	
<b>Connect Group Discussion Questions:</b>	
<p><b>GATHER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When do you feel most “alive” or like you’re operating in your strengths?</li> <li>• Who has impacted your life through serving or using their gifts?</li> </ul> <p><b>GROW</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read <i>Matthew 22:37–39</i>. What does it look like for you personally to put God first right now?</li> <li>• Read <i>1 Corinthians 12:12–27</i>. What stands out to you about how God designed the body?</li> <li>• Do you find it easier to recognise your gifts or your limitations? Why?</li> <li>• What might be holding you back from fully stepping into your calling?</li> </ul> <p><b>GO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is one next step you feel prompted to take (joining a team, serving, leading, etc.)?</li> </ul>	

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- How can you use one of your gifts this week to serve or encourage someone else?
- As a group, how can we support each other in staying accountable to our next steps?