***Connect316 Brief | Talk Sheet***

The Office of Sunday School & Discipleship exists to encourage and equip disciples of Jesus in connecting people to Christ, Community, and the Commission. We seek to do this through Conversations, Connections and Conferences (virtual, live and hybrid) with Church and Association Leadership.

Connect316 is a tool to create missional movement by equipping people to accomplish kingdom objectives.

**Connect**…**Answers the WHY questions**, for example, why do we need a group strategy? *“To connect people to Christ, Community and the Commission.”*

Every church has one or a few words that can summarize the “WHY” of their mission.

* (Churches may change this word and/or the numbers in the tool to fit their mission, vision, and/or core values)
* Our office landed on Connect because we believe the process of making disciples involves connecting people to Christ, community, and the commission.

Examples of a Churches Why…

* *Connecting people to Christ, Community and the Commission*
* *Love God, Make Disciples, Live Sent*
* *Know and Follow Jesus, Be Changed by Jesus, and Live on Mission with Jesus*
* *Great Commandment, Great Commission, Great Call*
* *Connect people to Christ through Worship, Discipleship and Service*
* *Know, Grow, Go*

316 is a number that reminds us of a key Gospel passage. (John 3:16)

**316 helps us think about People, Plan and Practices**

**3 represents People.** The mission must be focused on people.

3 helps us encourage and equip disciples of Jesus to identify people who need a connection to Christ, Community and the Commission.

Strategies for identifying people

* Concentric Circles of Concerns
* Acts 1:8 Prayer List
* Live – Work – Play
* Who’s Your 1
* FRAN’s – Friends, Relatives, Associates and Neighbors

**1 represents Plan or Path**. Our desire is to encourage and equip disciples in the use of a plan, selected by leadership, that is designed to accomplish the missional objectives of the kingdom and church.

1 can be (1) a plan to connect lost and searching people to Christ, (2) a plan to connect or reconnect people to your group/class/community/church family, or (3) a plan to connect people to the commission of Christ (4) a path of disciple making.

Plans to connect lost and searching people to Christ

* Gospel Conversations
* One Verse Evangelism
* John 3:16 | It’s Life
* Navigator Discipleship Tool
* 3 Circles
* Evange-Slide
* Marked New Testament
* Share Jesus Without Fear
* NAMB Spiritual Commitment Guide

**6 represents Practices**. Steps and processes that will be needed to accomplish the mission of the kingdom and of your church.

Practices to connect lost and searching people to Christ

* Intercede (Pray)
* Identify (People and personalities)
* Invest (in a DM practices and process’s that lead toward Connection to Christ, Community and Commission)
* Invite (Come and See, Be with Me)
* Introduce (to Christ using Gospel Conversations and/or the selected plan)
* Inspire, Infuse and Initiate (Follow Me and Remain in Me - Make Disciples that are Disciple Makers)

Practices to connect or reconnect people to your community/group

* Intercede (Pray)
* Identify (People and personalities)
* Invest (Build Relationships)
* Invite (Come and See, Be with Me)
* Include (Make strong connections to Christ, Community and Commission)
* Inspire, Infuse and Initiate (Follow Me and Remain in Me - Make Disciples that are Disciple Makers)

Practices to connect people to the commission of Christ

* Intercede (Pray)
* Identify (People and Projects)
* Invest (Build Relationships)
* Invite (Come and See, Be with Me)
* Include (Make strong connections to Christ, Community and Commission)
* Inspire, Infuse and Initiate (Follow Me and Remain in Me - Make Disciples that are Disciple Makers)

Practices

* Consecrate: Prayer
* Contact: Call, Text, E-Mail, Door
* Connect: Invite to an event
* Casual: Go where they go (ballpark, neighborhood events)
* Community: Invite to a group
* Concern: Meet a known need, celebrate a known success
* Continuation: It takes continual effort, do not give up!

**Connect 316 Workshop**

Are you building a plan to connect people to…

* Christ
* Community
* Commission

Determine your WHY…

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People

* Who are the people you are trying to reach?
* How will you identify them?
* How will you contact or engage in conversations with them?
* When will you contact them?
* (who, what, why, where, when, how)

Plan

* What plan will you use or what’s your plan?
* (who, what, why, where, when, how)

Practices, Process, Steps

* What practices, process, or steps will you use?
* Who is responsible for each practice, process or step?
* When will each practice, process or step take place?
* How will your train your leadership, group, class or church family?
* (who, what, why, where, when, how)