

### **CONNECT WORSHIP STATIONS**

Connect is about investing in you as leaders so we want to provide space for worship, prayer and personal discipleship and growth. The Connection worship stations are an interactive worship experience using different stations focused on connection.

SETUP – decide beforehand how many you want to have and if you want to include something else during this time as well – eg. time of worship in song or reflective prayer.

Most of this resource is printable however there are a couple of stations that require other materials (playdough, paper and stapler/sticky tape for paper chain, textas for colouring the vine poster).

Have some music playing in the background as people engage with the different stations. Consider what space you have available and spread the stations across the room.

Encourage people to take their time and go at their own pace and the order they want.

As a way to capture this activity and share it more broadly it would be great if you could take some non-identifying photos during this time.



### Being formed in the likeness of Christ

<u>Resources needed:</u> print posters with 2 Corinthians 3:18, Romans 8:29 and Philippians 1:6, enough playdough for everyone to be able to participate if they want.

read these verses as you take a piece of playdough and form a shape that represents you. Perhaps of your hand/heart/mind. Reminding you of this beautiful ongoing work. Leave your formed playdough on the table once you have finished. (the idea being this creates a visual representation of us collectively and uniquely being formed)



### BEING FORMED IN THE LIKENESS OF CHRIST

Take some time to read and reflect on these passages.

You might like to read all 3 or really focus on just one.

As you read these verses take a piece of playdough and form a shape that represents you. Perhaps of your hand/heart/mind.

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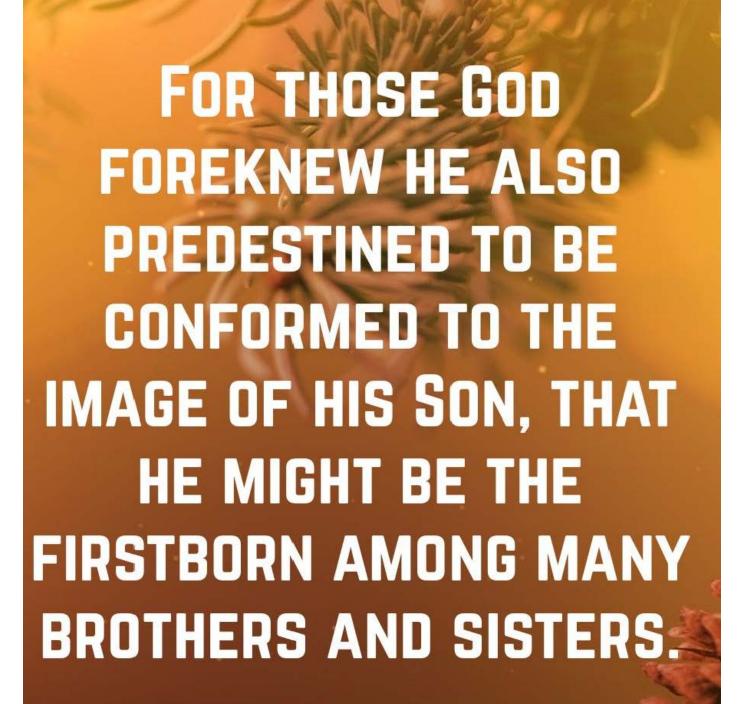
AND I AM CERTAIN THAT GOD, WHO
BEGAN THE GOOD WORK WITHIN YOU,
WILL CONTINUE HIS WORK UNTIL IT IS
FINALLY FINISHED ON THE DAY WHEN
CHRIST JESUS RETURNS.

# PHILIPPIANS 1:6

Read the Scripture as you take a piece of playdough and form a shape that represents you. Perhaps of your hand/heart/mind.

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**ROMANS 8:29** 

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And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

# 2 Corinthians 3:18

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### Connected to the power of the Holy Spirit

<u>Resources needed:</u> print the two posters for this station. There is a video to watch that people can either scan the QR code with their phone or if you feel it is needed perhaps you can set up a tablet or laptop with the youtube video open for people to watch.

There are some questions to reflect on after watching the brief video you may want to have paper and pens available for people to write their reflections if they want to.



### CONNECTED TO THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Physics Law of Conservation of energy states:

Energy can neither be created or destroyed but only transferred or converted from one energy form to another.

Scan the QR code to watch a video about this principle.



### Questions to ponder:

- Read and reflect on Ephesians 3:14-21
- Without unpacking this law of physics any further as those connected to the power of God through the Holy Spirit how can we be those that seek to transfer that power in the contexts we find ourselves?
- What is the potential energy in us we can transfer into energy of service or kindness or justice etc?
- In what ways can it be helpful to think of ourselves as conduits of God's everlasting power rather than a dispenser of his power?

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

**Ephesians 3:14-21** 



### Connected to His people

<u>Resources needed:</u> print poster with instructions and Colossians 2:19. Paper strips and sticky tape or stapler to make paper chain, pens or markers for people to write their prayers with.

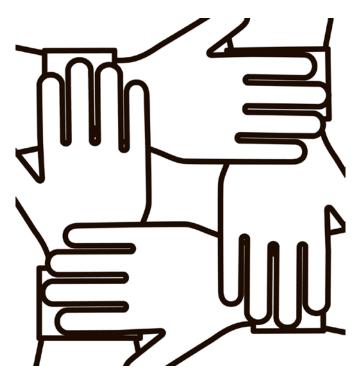
You may want to start the paper chain beforehand so people can just add to it during this time.



### **CONNECTED TO HIS PEOPLE**

"They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow."

Colossians 2:19



In this warning from Paul we are given the image of our connection with each other as like the body connected, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews.

Through this connection God's life flows through us causing each of us and all of us to grow.

Take a piece of paper (you can do more than one!) and write a short prayer for your sisters and brothers in Christ. Pray the prayer as you write it and then add it to the paper chain symbolizing our connection as the body of Christ.



### Connected to His rest

Resources needed: print and cut out pictures with Psalm 23:1-3. Depending on how many people are at your Connect you may want to print more than one copy of the pictures.

Print out and display the instructions for people.



### **CONNECTED TO HIS REST**

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

Psalm23:1-3

Take some time to look at each image with this passage on it. Choose the card that stood out to you and then ponder these questions while reflecting on the picture and verses.

## Questions to ponder:

- Where do you see yourself in the picture?
- What rest is God leading you to?
- How does this picture connect to where you are now or what God is leading you into?





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He makes me lie down in green pastures

He LEADS ME beside quiet waters: He REFRESHES my soul

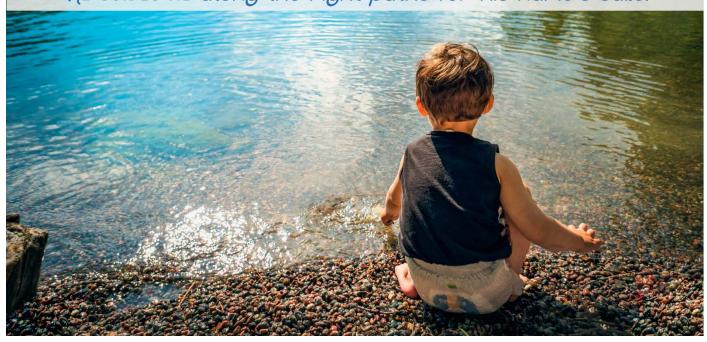
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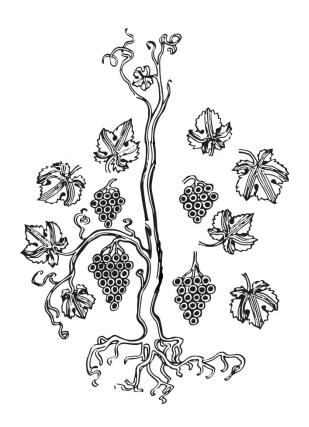
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### Connected to His Purpose

<u>Resources needed:</u> print and assemble block poster of the vine without branches. You may need to trim the pages after printing before assembling the block poster.

It will look like this:-



Print the bible verse posters (John 20:21, John 15:5) and the instructions page.

You will need to supply markers for people to write and colour on the poster.



# **CONNECTED TO HIS PURPOSE**

You will notice this vine has some missing branches. Draw some branches to the leaves and fruit.

What are the ways you are joining yourself to God's purposes?

In the branches you have drawn write the things that you are doing, the ways you are living, the words you are saying.

If you need some time to think why not grab a texta and add some colour to the poster.

# JESUS SAID:



# I AM the vine; you are the branches







