

# CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week #4 - Why Christians Can't Live Without Al

#### **GETTING STARTED**

Share about a time when technology distracted you from being fully present with someone. How did it affect the interaction?

# THIS WEEK'S THEME

Read Romans 12:9-10 – Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. NIV

The word "sincere" means genuine, real, without hypocrisy. Why do you think Paul emphasizes this?

How does authentic love differ from artificial or surface-level interactions?

Where do you see Jesus model authentic presence in the Gospels?

Dave said, "Proximity doesn't equal present." Where do you feel this tension most in your life (home, work, friendships)?

Which of the three practices – one question, one story, one prayer – is easiest for you? Which is hardest? Why?

Think of a relationship in your life that feels surface-level right now. What's one intentional step you could take this week to make it more authentic?

How can we as a group encourage each other to be more present and attentive in our daily lives?

Imagine if Christians were known more for presence and authenticity than for noise or arguments. What difference would that make in how people view Jesus?

## **TAKING IT HOME**

This week, choose one person (family member, friend, coworker, or neighbor) and practice: Ask one intentional question (go deeper than "How are you?"); share one honest story from your own life; offer one specific prayer for them.

Then reflect at the end of the week: How did that change the interaction? How did it affect you?

## **PRAY**

Heavenly Father, Thank You for showing us authentic love in Jesus. Help us to put aside distractions and be fully present with the people you've placed in our lives. Empower us to ask real questions, share honest stories, and pray meaningful prayers. In Jesus' name, amen.

