

# “Connecting People”

## I John 1:1-3

The early followers of Jesus were deeply convicted of the need for their families, friends and communities to connect with Him. They seriously desired fellowship with other people that would come as a result of their connection. They wanted the fellowship to be real—like the fellowship they themselves had “with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

The mission of the church and of our Sunday Schools is to “Connect all people to Jesus (Savior) - to His truth (Scriptures), to His community (Saints) and to His mission (Service).

- I. Connect people to the SAVIOR (v.2 “...we have seen and testify and proclaim to you...eternal life...”)
  - A. PRAY for their connection to the Savior.
  - B. PREACH that they might be connected to the Savior.
  - C. MINISTER that they would be connected to the Savior.
- II. Connect people to the SCRIPTURES (v.1 “...we have heard...the Word of Life...”)
  - A. HEAR the Scriptures.
  - B. READ the Scriptures.
  - C. STUDY the Scriptures.
  - D. MEDITATE on the Scriptures.
  - E. MEMORIZE the Scriptures.
- III. Connect people to the SAINTS (v.3 “...so that you too may have fellowship with us...”)
  - A. People are connected to the church as they WORSHIP TOGETHER.
  - B. People are connected to the church as they WORK TOGETHER.
  - C. People are connected to the church as they WITNESS TOGETHER.
- II. Connect people to SERVICE (v.5 “This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you...”) - cf. Acts 1:8
  - A. God has given us the POWER to serve Him.
  - B. God has given us the PLAN to serve Him.
  - C. God has given us the PLACE to serve Him.

This is a theme that any church could adopt. It is a theme from which every Pastor could preach a series of sermons. It is a theme that every Sunday School class could utilize. Give it some serious consideration.