



Facilitators Guide – Our Connections

Time: ~ 25 minutes

One of the key purposes of Connect is to build relationship in two ways. Firstly with leaders from other churches and secondly with leaders from people's own church – perhaps from different ministries or the same ministry area. The Connect program includes intentional community building activities. These are suggested activities for your site, but ensure you include something that allows for genuine sharing of ideas, curiosity about others and connection.

Connections game/activity (20 minutes)

Put a coloured circle in each of the 4 corners of the room

Allow 20 minutes for the activity

Explain purpose of activity to connect with others and share ideas

Ask people to move to the corner that most closely describes them (try to avoid people choosing the middle except on the social media option)

After they move to the corner have them find 2 other people who are NOT part of their church or their ministry team and answer the question on the next screen

Allow 2-3 minutes for each question

Allow longer for the final questions and prayer

- Fast food - What food is served in the program/ministry?
- Social media -How does your team communicate?
- Prayer - How has your team encouraged prayer for the teens/ children/families?
- Generation you minister with -eg kids ministry = gen alpha
 - What is one resource/ idea/ experience that has been helpful for this generation / ministry in your church?
 - What is the biggest challenge for you or the team ministering with this generation?
 - Pray

This activity is provided in powerpoint feel free to add more rounds and opportunities for conversation if you have time in your program

After the activity **show the "Together" video** so people can hear about initiatives across the Baptist Association that are designed for them. One possibility out of Connect is people considering how they might work together as churches for the good of their region.

Other ideas to add to the theme of the day:

Generations Table Quiz (throughout the day)

Print out 1 per table and encourage people to work together in their group to find the answers. They will need people from other generations to figure out the answers.

Consider using this as a way to decide one of the giveaway prizes.

The **Australian Lamb add for 2024** is all about the generation gap in Australia.

This could be a fun element to add to the day before morning tea.