

CONNECTING LIKE JESUS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Luke 19:5-10

Memory Verse

¹⁰ The Son of Man came to look for and to save people who are lost."

Luke 19:10



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Think about all the people you connect with. How do you connect with them? Sometimes, we connect with others because we like the same things or live in the same neighborhood. Other times, your cousin might be a good friend, or maybe it's someone from your church. With lifelong friends, it can even be challenging to remember what brought you together! We are glad for all these connections because relationships are essential to life.

Think about this: God has a personal relationship with each of us and even sent his Son, Jesus, to connect with us and "look for and save people who are lost" (Luke 19:10). In many examples, like the story of Zacchaeus, Jesus intentionally used connections to build up and help others.

So, how can we follow Jesus' example? God calls us to share his love; to do that, we need to build relationships and connections. In Jesus' day, phones and computers didn't exist. Jesus walked from place to place to do his ministry. Today we have technology like social media, cell phones, and FaceTime that help

us stay connected. It's so much easier to stay connected every day. We can share a story with our grandparents who might live far away or call a friend who is sick. We have the tools in our hands to continue building positive relationships.

But there are problems with our phones and computers, too. We must be careful—some people use social media to bring others down. We might also use it to text hurtful words or treat our connections with others poorly. Remember how Jesus connected with others by opening his heart and wanting to help. If we intend to spread love, be ambassadors of God's kingdom, and build relationships like Jesus, then technology can aid us in connecting with others.

Prayer

God, thank you for giving us ways to connect and build relationships. Help us to connect well and share the story of your love for us with others. Amen.

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