

A PEOPLE
WHO...



...CONNECT

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Love God Love People Caru Duw Caru Pobl

- **Our Values**

(deeply ingrained/aspirational principles)

- **A people who...**

- ... are Christ-centred

- ... are Bible-shaped

- ... are Family

- ... are Vibrant

- ... Demonstrate Integrity

- ... Extend Grace

- ... Connect

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible...

COLOSSIANS 1

...whether thrones
or powers or rulers
or authorities; all
things have been
created through
him and for him.

17 He is before all
things, and in him
all things hold
together.

**CHRIST IS
THE ONE
WHO
HOLDS ALL
THINGS
TOGETHER**

36 'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?'

37 Jesus replied:

""Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.""

38 This is the first and greatest commandment.

39 And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself." 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.'

MATTHEW 22



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Christ Connected

- Christ has completely fulfilled the law and holds them all together with these commands
- To be Christ-centred holds together all our values including what it means for us 'to connect'
- We connect with God, with each other and with our communities

15 ...speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

EPHESIANS 4

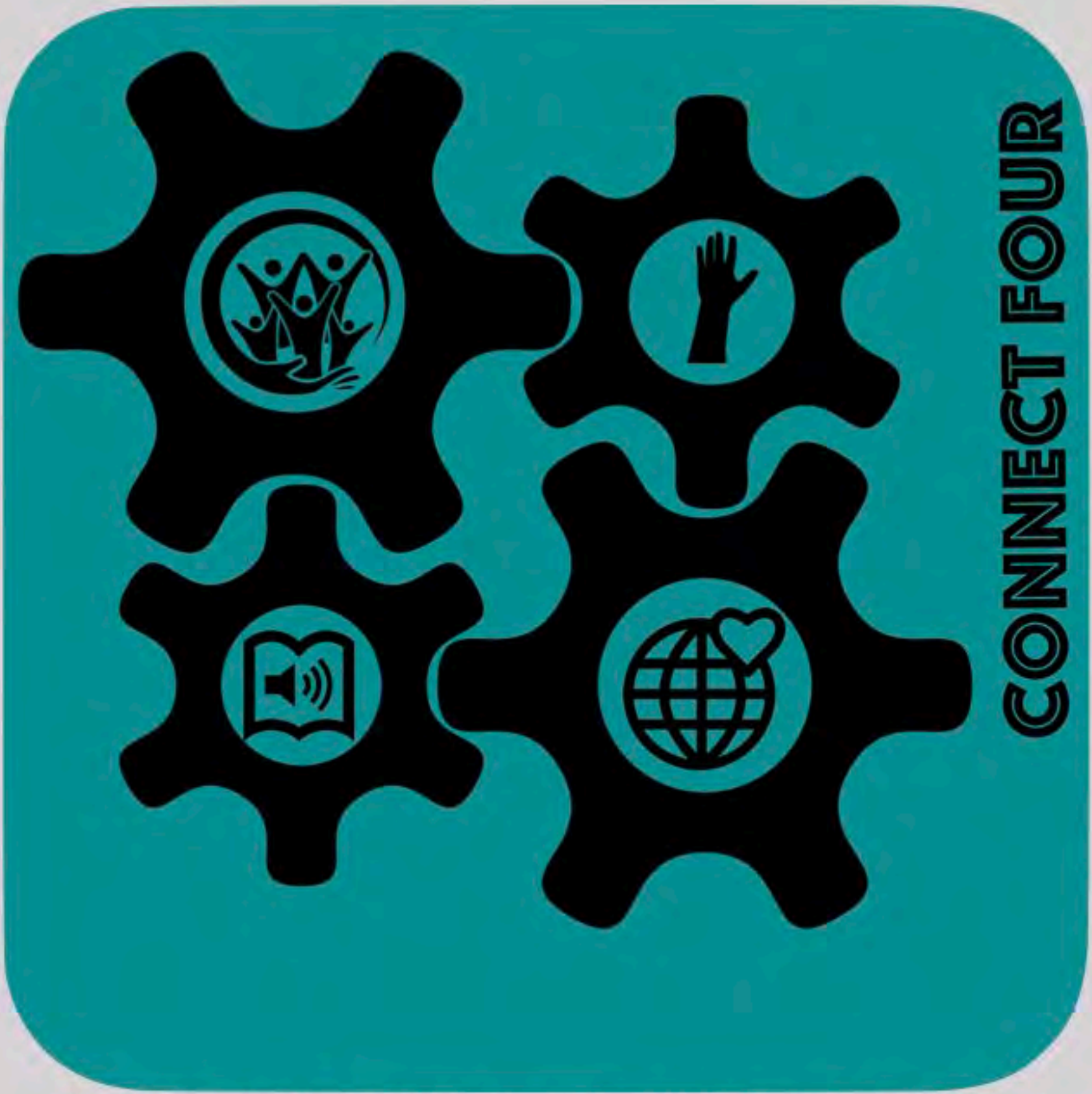
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Definition: to fit
together

STRONG'S CONCORDANCE





FAMILY/WORSHIP/TRUTH/COMMUNITY

WORSHIP

We were made to worship God and enjoy His presence. As we 'Connect for Worship' we spend time praising, worshipping and praying to Him in creative and vibrant ways.

'Reaching Higher'



Love God

- **What does it mean to love God?**
- **To worship and love Him with our whole lives in response to the immeasurable love He has given to us**
- **In our individual and our corporate lives we need to intentionally come before The Lord**

1 Shout for joy to
the Lord, all the
earth.

2 Worship the Lord
with gladness;
come before him
with joyful songs.

PSALM 100

3 Know that the
Lord is God. It is
he who made us,
and we are his; we
are his people, the
sheep of his
pasture.

PSALM 100

4 Enter his gates
with thanksgiving
and his courts with
praise; give thanks
to him and praise
his name.

5 For the Lord is
good and his love
endures forever;
his faithfulness
continues through
all generations.

Connect with God

- **When we gather, our praise and worship is the overflow of hearts that are grateful to God**
- **We often express this corporately in sung worship and by His grace, He meets with us**
- **Worship is our response to Him, grace is His response to us**

17 When I saw him,
I fell at his feet as
though dead.
Then he placed his
right hand on me
and said: "Do not
be afraid. I am the
First and the Last

Connect with God

- **We are created to connect with God and for Him to commune with us**
- **We want our activities and meetings to model what it means to be truly and fully human**
- **We are a people who connect... with God**

TRUTH

The Bible is God's truth revealed to us. As we 'Connect for Truth' we spend time studying and discussing scripture and sharing how to 'live it out' today.

'Going Deeper'



Love(d by) God

- This might be more accurately 'be loved' or 'be shaped' by God
- This is about His living and active Word
- Not just being readers or hearers, but actively putting it into action and building our lives around The Word of God

"9 How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. 10 I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. 11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

PSALM 119

"12 Praise be to
you, Lord; teach
me your decrees.
13 With my lips I
recount all the
laws that come
from your mouth.
14 I rejoice in
following your
statutes as one
rejoices in great
riches."

“15 I meditate on
your precepts and
consider your
ways. 16 I delight
in your decrees; I
will not neglect
your word.”

PSALM 119

God Connects with us

- This could be expanded to include any times of prayer or intentional devotion too
- Connecting with God and letting Him shape our will and our actions - being bible shaped
- We want to be a people who connect with God and grow in fruitfulness

5 "I am the vine;
you are the
branches. If you
remain in me and I
in you, you will
bear much fruit;
apart from me you
can do nothing

JOHN 15

FAMILY

Our church is a family in which all can be loved and accepted. As we 'Connect for Family' we spend time socialising, eating, having fun and simply being together.

'Growing Closer'



Love People

- We have already talked about being a people who are family
- Sometimes this is just simply expressed in 'doing life' together
- The way we love one another as family should make others want to know who God is

οἰκεῖος

Transliteration:
oikeios

Usage: of one's
family, domestic,
intimate.

STRONG'S CONCORDANCE

19 Consequently,
you are no longer
foreigners and
strangers, but
fellow citizens with
God's people and
also members of
his household,

EPHESIANS 4

20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

EPHESIANS 4

22 And in him you
too are being built
together to
become a
dwelling in which
God lives by his
Spirit.

Growing Closer

- We are family - with Christ at the head
- Families can be the contexts in where we experience our greatest joy and our greatest pain
- We are part of a wider family of God's people, but we are to be committed and invested in our local church family

Love People

COMMUNITY

Our heart is for people to find true life and love in Christ. As we 'Connect for Community' we spend time reaching out to share His Good News with the world around us.

'Reaching Out'



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- Christ loved us enough to leave Heaven behind and reconcile us to God and give us eternal life
- We must love the world enough to take the gospel to them
- If we truly understand who God is and what He has done for us, the rubber must hit the road

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...

...baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

MATTHEW 28

Into All the World

- **The world needs us to join up the dots**
- **We take the presence and power of God into whatever communities and contexts we go into**
- **We want to be a people who connect our communities with the truth and power of the Good News of Jesus**

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