

# Connections: God – Yourself – Others

Introduction – All Involve Listening to God, being with others, and having purpose

Living Sacrifices - Romans 12:1- 8; Creation Mandate Gen. 1:26-28; Jesus Prays John 17:1-19

**Part 1: Connection to God – The Godhead – Trinity** John 2:19; Acts 4:10; Romans 8:11

1. God is Love and is Sovereign – 1 John 4:16-18
2. Jesus is Truth and Grace - John 1:14
3. Spirit is power and comfort - John 14:26-27; Acts 1:7-8

Show me Your Face – Exodus 33:7-16 – Paniym: face, presence: figuratively-literally

What does your encounter look and feel like? \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 2 Connecting with yourself - Think of Yourself – Take Inventory**

*Romans 12:3; 2 Cor 13:5-7; Gal 6:4-5*

You are the sum of your past, present and future – This is your identity! 23 & Me

There are 2 sides to all of us – healthy and incomplete –

1. Some have sound minds, wise hearts, and good intentions -2 Tim 1:6-7
2. Some are Needing Help – John 5:5-9 – Do you want to get well? Therapy- healing

A We are to rule ourselves well - Prov 25:28

B Complexity of Man: The Soul - mind, will, emotions – Rom. 12:

C Distinctions - Matt 22:37-40 Divisions – Heb 4:12-14

When you read the scriptures, what is God saying to you? \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 3 Connecting with Others**

Our disconnectedness within creates barriers to connecting with others

Johann Hari – “Lost Connections -Why You’re depressed and how to find hope” - Connect with others, meaningful work, meaningful values, overcoming trauma and restoring the future

**Finding your Purpose**

A. We all have a different function - *Romans 12: 4*

B Adam and Eve example – Gen 1:27-28

C We all have a different sphere – Don’t compare yourselves!! - 2 Cor 10:12-13

D Jesus’, I have sent them out into the world – John 17:17

E Take hold of that which Jesus took hold of you – Phil 3:12

**Some have done well and are moving ahead**

“Halftime: Moving from Success to Significance”, Bob Buford

“My fruit grows on other people’s trees; Bob Buford

”“Let no one ever come to you without leaving better.” Mother Theresa