

**The best is yet to come**

**The Connected Life ...**

A life you can enjoy to the max  
and know with confidence your  
**identity, value and purpose**



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Session **1** notes

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You will find it helpful to refer to the booklet 'Unconnected? Give it 7 Days' or the free online version <http://connect4life.org.uk/images/7days%20unconnected2015.pdf> as TCL unpacks concepts from this

This sheet will help you as you prepare for session 2. Please complete it and bring it with Give it 7 Days next time.

## The Philosopher Solomon said:

*'Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say – I find no pleasure in them'*

What he realised is that God made people for relationship

- with Him
- with each other

**ASSESS YOURSELF HONESTLY ON YOUR CURRENT LEVEL OF RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD! CIRCLE STRENGTH OF AGREEMENT**

(1=non-existent 10= on speaking terms)

1 2 3 4 5  
6 7 8 9 10

**Now ask God what He thinks!**

*'God has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men, yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end'*

..... WORDS OF SOLOMON

People have many ideas about God today – we make God in our image rather than accepting that we are made in His.

Think about these statements:

### CIRCLE OR FILL IN GAPS

(1 – least agree; 10 = most agree)

#### I DON'T REALLY HAVE A CONCEPT OF GOD THAT I COULD EXPLAIN

1 2 3 4 5  
6 7 8 9 10

#### I THINK IT TAKES MORE FAITH TO BE AN ATHEIST THAN A BELIEVER IN GOD

YES NO UNSURE

#### TO ME, GOD IS:

- A) A MYSTERY
- B) A MAN WITH A WHITE BEARD FLOATING ON A CLOUD
- C) KNOWABLE

#### I GOT MY CONCEPT OF GOD FROM:

- A) SCHOOL
- B) MEDIA
- C) FRIENDS
- D) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

#### I THINK SOLOMON WAS RIGHT – IT IS GOOD TO HAVE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

1 2 3 4 5  
6 7 8 9 10

#### WOULD YOU SAY THAT GOD HAS EVER 'SPOKEN' TO YOU?

YES NO UNSURE

Now read these words, written by God to you:

*'For I know the plans I have for you ... plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you ...'*

..... WORDS OF GOD

**God has made a way for you to connect with Him – He can help you and wants to be found by you.**

Before you come next week, think carefully about this: there is nothing about you that God does not know, but He still wants to have a connection with you, for you and Him to have a relationship that brings life and meaning to you.

*'My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to a man's whole body. Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life'*

..... WORDS OF SOLOMON

You will know if the wind of God is blowing in your life. Come along next time open to learning more about 'The Connected Life'. Let's face it, it's got to be better than chasing the wind.

*'The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit'*

..... WORDS OF JESUS