



CONNECT GROUP GUIDE

Connect Group Guide: WK 1 Homewreckers: Control & Comparison

READ: Genesis 16:1-16

1. In what areas of your life or home are you most tempted to “help God out” instead of trusting His timing and leadership? What does surrendering that area to Jesus practically look like this week?
2. Sarah’s control was rooted in fear, anxiety, and pressure. What fears most often drive you toward control, and how does the gospel speak peace into those fears?
3. Comparison often begins quietly but eventually affects how we treat others. How has comparison stolen your joy, contentment, or peace recently? How does remembering your identity in Christ free you from comparison?
4. Hagar named God “El Roi” — “the God who sees me.” Why is it important to remember that God sees us before He changes our circumstances? How does being fully seen and loved by God reshape the way we carry burdens?
5. Psalm 127 teaches that unless the Lord builds the house, our striving is ultimately empty. In what ways are you currently carrying pressure that only Jesus was meant to carry?
6. The sermon said, “Your kids don’t need a perfect mom; they need a present one.” How does the pursuit of performance or perfection distract us from being fully present with God and others?
7. Jesus said, “It is finished.” How does the finished work of Christ free us from striving to prove ourselves, fix everything, or hold our homes together on our own?

Deeper Theological Conversation Questions:

1. In Genesis 16, human striving produced conflict, pain, and division, yet God still worked through broken people to accomplish His covenant promises. What does this reveal about the relationship between God’s sovereignty and human failure, and how does that deepen your confidence in grace?
2. The sermon contrasts control with surrender. How does the gospel redefine true power and leadership through the example of Jesus, who willingly surrendered Himself to the Father’s will (Philippians 2:5–11)? What does Christ’s humility teach us about authority, trust, and peace within the home?

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ONE SERVICE beginning May 24th at 10AM
- CONNECTION STUDENTS
 - Sunday, May 17th - Summer Kick Off Pool Party 3pm-6pm
 - Connection Students will break for Summer and resume on Sunday, August 9th @ 6pm