

What Is The CONNECT Test Season?

- Starting THIS Wednesday (9/18), and lasting until December, students will meet at homes for small groups.
 - We'll evaluate after Christmas whether to continue this format from Jan-May, or return back to the church.

Why Are You Doing This?

- We currently don't have the rooms or space to do small groups effectively at church.
 - There is a current plan to remodel the student ministry rooms to become more small group conducive.
- Environment matters. Though it's not the be-all and end-all, we believe students will be more engaged and comfortable at homes compared to the current set up at church
- We saw the great benefits and fruit that came out of doing small groups in homes over the last two summers.
- It gives us a season to better work through and grow relational dynamics. Separating and going smaller will allow us to be more intentional in fostering gospel-centered relationships between guys and girls.
- Outreach opportunities to draw non-believing friends.

Where Will Students Meet?

- Middle & High ladies will meet at Abby Conner's Apartment.
 - 12511 Honore Ave, Apt #311, Sarasota, FL 34238 (search Abby's name in call box).
 - Abby@covenantlifepca.com | 610.564.7955-cell
- Middle & High school gents will meet at Mike Vieira's house.
 - 5632 Soft Skies Drive Sarasota, FL 34238 (Gate Code is #2023. Press slow & hard).
 - Mike@covenantlifepca.com | 484.767.0407-cell
- Mike & Abby live less than 10 minutes from the church and less than 5 minutes from each other.

How Will You Break Up Small Groups?

- Our desire is to separate middle and high schoolers during small groups. But this will also be dependent on middle and high school student ratio that evening, or if we plan a lesson where we desire them to be combined for the night.

Won't This Conflict With Children's Or Adults Timing At Church?

- The student ministry (only, not other ministries) has extended our time to go from 6:15-8:15pm; to give parents buffer time for drop off and pick up as they travel to and from church and small group homes.

What Will The Schedule Look Like?

6:15-6:35 | Arrive & Snacks
6:35-6:50 | Icebreaker and/or Worship
6:50-7:40 | Small Group Lesson
7:40-8:10 | Connection Time
8:10-8:15 | Get ready to go home

What Will Teens Be Studying In Small Groups?

- For the Fall, we'll work through a series called, "Love your Neighbor." Students will gain a biblical perspective on how the gospel calls us to love others in the faith, outside the faith, our enemies, others during an election year...etc. We'll also work through what gospel-centered reconciliation should look and be like with one another.

What Should My Teen Bring?

- All students should bring their Bible and a pen. Notebooks are optional.
- Guys should bring their bathing suit, towel, and change of clothes for optional swimming.

Does This Mean The Guys And Girls Won't Ever Get To Hang Out Together?

- We have monthly events scheduled for all students to still connect together:
 - Laser Tag | September 21st
 - Costume Connect | October 30th
 - Dnow Retreat | November 15-17th
 - Christmas Party | December 11th

What If There's A Night I Want My Teen To Attend, But I Can't Make It Happen Logistically?

- CALL US! Abby and I understand this creates added miles and minutes that can make it difficult. Don't be shy to reach out to us. We are happy to work together to come up with a plan to get your teen to and from small groups.