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CONNECT GROUP

Definition: A Connect Group (CG) is a *small, study-driven, personal accountability* group that is usually, though not always, connected to a local campus. These groups are considered places where personal and intimate relationships are built and sustained. They are not considered worshipping communities (public and corporate worship experiences). While there may be time for worshipping together, it is not outward-facing and open to the public in the way a worship-driven community would be. (See Lovewell Community, Crosswalk Campus).

Profile:

- Suggested Size: 10-12.
- Suggested Curriculum: Crosswalk Series Guides. Available at crosswalkvillage.com for each respective series
 - Beginning with **Lovewell: A Theology**. This series gives a good theological foundation for our 5 end statements.
 - **Lovewell**. To continue the conversation in a more practical way as to what Lovewell means and how we live it
 - **Called**. This is a long-format series on Romans 1-8.
 - **Beloved**. An Exegetical Series on the Gospel of John.
 - **Faith By Design**. A series that pushes us to look at our faith to design the faith life we are hoping for.
 - **Manifesto**. A study in the book of Ephesians.
 - **Current Series**. Always feel free to follow along with CW in their current sermon series.
- **Timeframe:**
 - Between 6 months and a year before taking a break or splitting up.
 - Meeting once a week is the most comfortable cadence to keep, find accountability, and build relationships.
 - Connect groups can meet at any point during the week. Whatever is most convenient for the group.

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- **Resources:**
 - Lovewell Home kit and its contents to help set the experience for attendees.
 - Pastoral support: Redlands Discipleship Pastor/Paddy McCoy (CWPDx).
- **Website support:**
 - Redlands or the local Crosswalk Expression will support the group through the CRSWLK website and app, and roll up your group to our Planning Center database. Work with Digital Content Manager (Sara Gillespie)
 - Emails: Crosswalk does not support email accounts specific to connect groups. (Personal email accounts are sufficient)
- **Graphics:**
 - No graphics are available for these groups, as they are not branded communities.
 - The Lovewell Home Kits include any resources needed to set up the home, including run sheets, coasters, discussion cards, and interaction suggestions.
 - Digital resources are available for teaching at crosswalkvillage.com/media.
- **Social Media:**
 - The use of personal social media is appropriate at this stage of development.
 - No group social media accounts will be acknowledged for CRSWLK Connect Groups at this point in development.
- **Giving:**
 - Giving goes through either Crosswalk Redlands or the local Crosswalk church affiliated with the Connect Group.