**LIFE GROUP GUIDE: JOIN THE FAMILY #24 – Luke 17:1-19**

**CONNECT IN with one another** Dan shared a story about his first experience of the holy spirt at Newday. Ask the room about theirs. [This is a good opportunity to get the room chatting about the spirit working in their lives. It will also help you gauge where people are at with the holy spirit. Some will never have been baptised in the spirit before and it’s a great discipleship opportunity for you to discuss the importance of that with them.

**CONNECT UP with God** (Help for leaders: There are some questions here for you to discuss but please leave plenty of room for the Spirit to move. We don’t need a big band or to be at church to be filled with the Spirit. Lead your group to a place where you are able to lay hands on each other and see what the Spirit wants to say to you all)

* Ask somebody to **read Luke 17:1-19**
* Reading v5-6 The disciples request “increase our faith” sounds like a good one. Why do you think Jesus needed to correct them? [Help for leaders: You might want to discuss here what faith means. The disciples seem to think there are levels to faith and they want to be promoted to the next level so they can do Jesus miracles but Jesus reminds them that even the smallest amount of faith placed in the right place (God) can see mountains move]
* Read v1-2 – What is Jesus saying to his disciples here? [Help for leaders: He is very strongly telling them that while temptations will come, do not be the one that they come from. We must not lead people away from the scriptures and therefore Jesus. Dan used a personal story of him leading Nikki away from Jesus for his own personal gain and feeling strongly rebuked about that.]
* Read v3-4 – Why do you think Jesus is stressing the need to continually forgive people even if they keep sinning against you? [Help for leaders: Jesus doesn’t want us to make room for un-forgiveness and bitterness in our hearts. He wants us to be free of that so the Spirit can live in it’s place. Might be a good opportunity for discipleship and honesty where people struggle in this area. Use Dan’s story as an example if it would help.]
* Read v7-10 – What do you think Jesus means in verse 10? [Help for leaders: Jesus is teaching us how great a privilege it is to serve and be used by him. We are not doing him a favour, we are only being obedient and are so blessed that he has chosen to use us in his plan.]
* Spend some time in prayer now for the Holy Spirit to move amongst you. Make room for the gifts of the spirit. We had an amazing time with the spirit on Sunday by just making room for him to move.
* **CONNECT OUT with the non-church people around you**
* Make sure you pray for your friends, family and the community for the Holy Spirit to come in their lives.