

# THE BRIDGE Connect

## How to: Lead Connect Groups

### Connect Groups: *Places of deepening relationships*

Connect Groups are an expression of church, made up of around 4-12 people and meeting approximately weekly. Each Connect group joins up with other groups to form larger Communities. Below are a list of principles for leading Connect groups and possibilities for how they might look:

#### Principles:

- A place for Christians to regroup, pray and care for each other, sharing our lives together.
- Hospitality is important!
- Lightweight (easy to run) and sustainable
- Prayer for People of Peace (those warm to us and God) and acting in the week on what God has said.
- Bible study which helps us live out our missional call
- 1 year lifespan to then review and explore becoming a Contact group

#### Connect Leaders:

- Set a culture of *deepening relationships*
- Choose material that's evangelistic and helps members live out the great commission
- Ensure the group is praying for each other's People of Peace
- Encourages and facilitates hospitality
- Looks for what the Spirit is doing in mission and encourage members to respond in prayer and action
- Asks 'what's next?' regularly for the group; reviewing the group after a year
- Maintains sustainability (lightweight) and looks for ways to multiply the group
- Engages with a Community, and encourages group members to do the same
- Is accountable to the BLT and is huddled regularly