



## Practicing Connection

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Weekend of April 25-26, 2020

### NorthRidge Value of the Week

**Prayer** - We value prayer, as essential for bringing about spiritual change.

### Sermon Summary

These three short verses lay out God's will for your life - You'd better pay attention! They are the secret to a deeper connection with God. Join us this week as we explore the practices of connection.

### Discussion Questions

Same as last week – share something that you did in the past week that helped you find joy.

When you think about the phrase *Connecting with God*, what comes to mind?  
How do you tend to connect to God?

### **READ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

Gregg shared 2 ideas that can help us get to the place where we can actually practice these things in our lives. They are:

1. Acknowledge that God is Real
2. Recognize that God is at Work
3. Trust that God is Good

Are any of these easy for you? Are any difficult for you?

Have you ever had time in your life when you were caught in the middle of the first and third points? Share about that time and what you learned through it.

How might reflecting on how God has brought us through past experiences effect how we view current circumstances?

How do you typically see God working in your life? Are you able to see it happening in real-time?

How can the group help you see God's work and His goodness this week?

### Tear-off Question

How are you going to connect with God and find Joy in this time?

### Memory Passage

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** - 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

### Verses We Read Together in Worship

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

Philippians 3:8-9

### Songs We Sang Together in Worship

Graves into Gardens

Holy Ground

Sinking Deep

Goodness of God

