

CONNECTION TO PARISH

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This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says to all the captives he has exiled to Babylon from Jerusalem: "Build homes, and plan to stay. Plant gardens, and eat the food they produce. Marry and have children. Then find spouses for them so that you may have many grandchildren. Multiply! Do not dwindle away! And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare." **Jeremiah 29:4-7 NLT**

...you are strangers and sojourners with me. **Leviticus 25:23 ESV**

Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors.
1 Peter 2:12a NLT

1. Connecting in Your Neighborhood

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, generous inside and out, true from start to finish. **John 1:14 Message**

2. Connect to Community

Never abandon a friend— either yours or your father's. When disaster strikes, you won't have to ask your brother for assistance. It's better to go to a neighbor than to a brother who lives far away. **Proverbs 27:10 NLT**

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. **Genesis 12:1 NLT**

...I will bless you...and you will be a blessing to others. **Genesis 12:2b,d NLT**

All the families on earth will be blessed through you." **Genesis 12:3b NLT**

ACTION ITEMS:

_____ **Summer Block Party**

Jump into a _____ Day

QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS //

- *What is your favorite place you've ever lived and why?*
- *Where is your parish? What makes it unique?*
- *Read Proverbs 27:10. Why does connecting in our neighborhoods matter?*
- *Describe your current state of connection to your neighbors.*
- *How can you be a blessing to your community this summer?*
- *BONUS: Pick a day this summer to throw a Block Party!*