

Connection

A GenMin seminar for those who share God's love and life with children and teens.

Generations Ministries (GenMin) is pleased to offer **Connection** – a day-long seminar that explores the Trinitarian foundations of ministries and homes where adults celebrate with children and teens the connection they share in Jesus to the love and life of God. *Connection* equips pastors, ministry workers, ministry leaders and parents to help young people experience the life transformation that comes as they encounter in Jesus the fullness of...



God's love

As young people are embraced by God's love and grace in Jesus, they become *grace-based* in the way they relate to God, themselves and others.



God's will

As young people through spiritual disciplines share Jesus' dependence on the Father through the Spirit, they develop as *Spirit-formed* followers of Jesus.



God's person

As young people celebrate the place they have in Jesus within the Triune circle of God's life, they become increasingly *Christ-centered*.



God's people

As young people experience the church as a community of hope and expectancy, they mature as *fellowship-building* followers of Jesus.



God's story

As young people are immersed in God's story of creation and redemption (the gospel) their hearts and actions become progressively *Word-directed*.



God's purpose

As young people are equipped to participate in the rhythms of Jesus' Great Commission lifestyle, they gain competency as *disciples who make disciples*.

Connection explores 'real world' strategies for helping young people experience and express God's love and life in Jesus, through the Spirit. Those strategies include...

- Communicating God's love in 'languages' that are understandable to young people
- Encouraging healthy relationships within children's and youth ministries and homes
- Exciting others to grow
- Communicating in age-appropriate ways who Jesus is and what he has done for us
- Establishing a prayer base for ministry
- Effectively communicating to young people God's story from Scripture
- Building a ministry team with a clear focus on making disciples who make disciples

Connection uses a workbook prepared by Generations Ministries and gives time for ministry teams to 'huddle' to discuss applying seminar principles back home. This is a great seminar for ministry teams to share together.

Through *Connection*, children and youth ministry leaders and workers will find inspiration, fresh ideas and practical tips to help in their essential ministries. Parents will find renewed vision for parenting children and teens. And pastors will glean effective strategies for facilitating ministries to children and teens and for strengthening Trinitarian ministry foundations in the entire congregation.

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SCHEDULE

Connection is typically held in a single day, using the following schedule (which may be altered to fit local needs, including incorporating a worship service).

- 9:30 - 10:00 registration (host church provides coffee, collects fees and distributes workbooks)
- 10:00 - 10:20 worship (provided by host church)
- 10:20 - 11:30 **God's love**
- 11:30 - 11:45 refreshments (provided by host church)
- 11:45 - 12:30 **God's person**
- 12:30 - 1:30 lunch (provided by host church)
- 1:30 - 2:30 **God's story**
- 2:30 - 3:15 **God's will**
- 3:15 - 3:30 refreshments (provided by host church)
- 3:30 - 4:15 **God's people**
- 4:15 - 5:15 **God's purpose**
- 5:15 - 5:30 conclusion

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COSTS

The costs for hosting *Connection* include the following (and typically are passed on to participants in a registration fee):

1. The *Connection* workbook. The seminar trainer will send the host an electronic (PDF) copy of the 22 page black and white workbook, which the host will copy, bind and distribute – one copy to each participant (married couples may share a workbook)
2. Lunch and snacks for breaks
3. Hall rental and other facility costs
4. On-site trainer needs: GenMin covers the cost of the trainer's transportation to and from the host city (typically by air) and the host covers the cost of on-site lodging, meals and ground transportation

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FACILITY NEEDS

Connection is typically held in the host congregation's regular meeting location. It's ideal to have participants seated as ministry teams at tables where they can 'huddle' during discussion times.

The *Connection* trainer brings a laptop computer and projector to show the seminar PowerPoint presentation. The host needs to provide adequate power cords, a table near the front of the room on which to place the projector and laptop, and a large projection screen (or white, blank wall) visible to the seated participants. The host also needs to provide a hook-up from the trainer's laptop (via the headphone jack) into the sound system so that audio portions of the PowerPoint presentation may be heard by all participants.

To schedule *Connection* in your area contact Generations Ministries director Ted Johnston by email at Ted.Johnston@wgc.org or by phone at 330.497.7188