



Part Four: What's Next For Our Church? // Jeff Brodie // November 28, 2021

"In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." You've probably heard this phrase to describe God as some part of a ceremony or service. You know what a father and a son are, but what is a "Holy Spirit"? How do you even relate to God as a "Spirit"? Is it a transcendent encounter, an emotion you feel, or a weird ghost or aura?

Like many people, you might find the Holy Spirit to be a bit of a mystery; however, scripture teaches that the Spirit can be the source of power in your life, an opportunity to experience God and even live supernaturally. But many of us don't live that way. So where do you even start?

Scripture: [Ezra 3 NLT](#)

Bottom Line: We need to be brokers of meaning and hope.

Getting Started:

1. What has it been like to lead your family throughout the pandemic?
2. How have the last two years of the pandemic changed you and what's important to you?

Jumping In:

3. Read Ezra 3:10-13.
 - o Are you someone who can get caught living in the past? Why do you think that is?
 - o Are you someone who gets excited about the future? Why do you think that is?
4. When Jeff asked the question, "What is your why?" what was your internal response? Have you ever thought about what your "why" might be?

Discuss:

5. Jeff shared that Connexus will continue to “create churches that unchurched people love.” What does this phrase mean to you when you hear it? Who are the people in your life that come to mind?
6. “Is this it?” This is a question so many of our friends, family, and neighbours are asking. If you’re honest, you’ve likely asked it too. What does this question stir up in your life? What pushes you to want to know that there’s more?
7. Jeff shared four ways that Connexus is changing to better reach the people in our culture today:
 - Meaning over more
 - Connection over content
 - Encounter over entertainment
 - Real over right

Which of these four new emphases makes you most excited about the future of our church? Why?

8. What would it mean for you to become a broker of meaning and hope to your friends, family, neighbours, and coworkers?
9. Jeff shared a few ways you can jump in over the next couple months:
 - Inviting everyone you know and love to Christmas Eve Together, either in person or online.
 - Getting involved financially to fuel the mission.
 - Being FOR the community in practical ways in the month of December.
 - Joining us for the New Year’s series as we reset what matters most.

How are you going to help us finish 2021 strong and start 2022 strong? Consider sharing your commitments with your group so you can be praying for one another in this season.

Moving Forward:

Take time to pray about how God might want you to jump on board and help us to finish 2021 strong and start 2022 strong. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you a clear next step in engaging with the mission of Connexus as we head into an exciting future together.