

Facilitator:

1. Open with Prayer
2. Welcome any newcomers
3. Try to keep your discussion to an hour and a half at the most.

Facilitator: Encourage your members to **BRING THEIR BIBLES** and use them during Connect Group.

CONNECT Group study questions for April 15, 2018

Title: Whose Side Are You On?—Romans 8:5-8 (NKJV)

Read: Romans 8:5-8

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Review: Read the notes from Pastor Peppy's lesson, *Whose Side Are You On?* Share what God revealed to you from his message.

Facilitator: Group members may have their own questions or have difficulty understanding the Scripture passages we are studying. Encourage them to jot down their queries and submit them to you. If you send them to me by return email, I'll see they receive a response from Pastor Peppy or an elder.

Question: Pastor Peppy listed three wrong ways to live the Christian life: by rules, by formula, and by experience.

Share any experience you may have had trying to live the Christian life using rules, formula, or experience as your standard.

What went wrong?

Do these three have any benefit at all in living the Christian life?

Question: How can a person know for sure he has eternal life? What are the marks of the new birth? **Facilitator:** Have your group look up each one of the following verses and discuss them one at a time. I John 5:1; I John 2:29; I John 3:14; I John 5:4; I John 3:9; I John 5:18

Read: Romans 6:6 and Ephesians 2:1-10

Question: Why is it important to understand that lost people are not just spiritually sick, but spiritually dead?

What are the implications of this?

Question: An unbeliever tells you that he doesn't have anything against God. How would you help him see that he is hostile towards God?

Why would it be important to do that?