

VIRTUAL CONNECT GROUP GUIDE

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CONNECT

Hans talked about golf in his message. Are you a golfer? If not, what summer outdoor activities do you enjoy? What do you enjoy about them?

GROW

- If you are a golfer, can you relate to Hans' suggestion that golf takes **time, energy, and practice**, as you hope to find some type of perfection in the game? If you're not a golfer, where else do you find yourself practicing over and over?
- We don't need to look far to realize that our world is anything but perfect. Sometimes, we as Christians have one of two responses to this **imperfection**: (1) Focus only on ourselves and our own relationship with Jesus, or (2) Simply reject this world because it's such a mess. Where have you seen these two responses from people in your life? Can you relate to either of them?
- Where do you see the biggest divisions in our world right now? Hans suggests that **fear** is at the heart of many divisions. It causes us to forget who we are, convinces us that others are to blame, and demands that I put my comforts above the comforts of others. When has fear had a grip in your life?
- Read the stories of Zacchaeus and the Woman at the Well:
Links: [Luke 19:1-10](#) [John 4:1-26](#)
- In these two stories, Jesus interacts with people who are very different than he is. What if Jesus is inviting us to **practice living** in the Kingdom of God? What would practicing look like for you?

PRAY

Dear Lord, our world is imperfect, and we are imperfect people. Even so, remind us that because you loved us so boldly, we are invited to practice sharing that love, day after day, to person after person. Amen.