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**A STUDY OF POLARITIES:  
*CONNECTED TO // DISTINCT FROM***

# WEEK 3: CONNECTED TO // DISTINCT FROM

As followers of Jesus, we're meant to bring restoration to a broken world. To do this, we must have a real connection to the very world we're meant to restore. Yet we must also be meaningfully different, clearly pointing our lives in a better direction. So how do we genuinely connect with the world around us yet stand out in a meaningful way? **Let's explore what the Bible says about this polarity.**

## DAY 1: CONNECTED TO

Without connection to the very world we're meant to partner with God to transform, there can be no transformation. Real change only comes through real connection. Let's see what the Bible says about how we are to be connected with those around us.



### MATTHEW 5:13-16

- What does this passage say about the importance of being connected?
- How does it change your view of your relationship with the world?
- How are you connected with people so they might see glimpses of Jesus in you?
- How will you take steps to be more meaningfully connected this week?

While Jesus calls us to reach a world and bring restoration with him, he also calls us to be distinctly different from the people we're called to connect with. If we are not different in a beneficial way, then the connection will not have a meaningful impact or bring the transformation that needs to come. Let's see what the Bible has to say about this.



### 1 JOHN 2:15-17

- What does this passage say about the importance of being distinct from the world?
- How does it change your view of your relationship with the world?
- Why do you think God calls us to be distinct from the world?
- How will you take steps to be more distinct from the world this week?

## DAY 2: DISTINCT FROM

**Take time to reflect on what you've discovered from studying the different examples of connection and distinction.**

## DAY 3: REFLECTION

1. How have you sought God's wisdom as you've explored balancing this polarity this week?
2. Who have you partnered with to explore this polarity? Who has helped you along the way?
3. Jesus is a really good example of both sides of this polarity. How do you see a balance of this polarity in his life?
4. Which side of this polarity do you need to grow more in? What step will you take this week to grow more in this area?