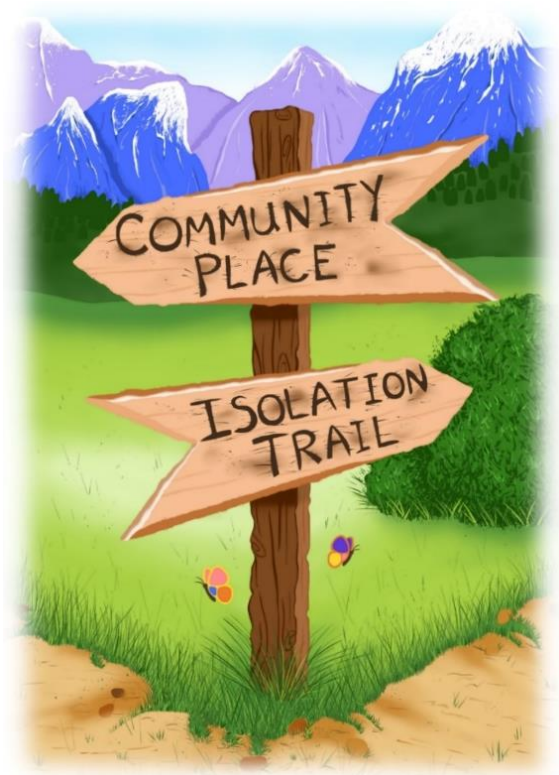


TOPIC 9, EPISODE 4—ADMINISTRATION AND SAFETY

CONNECTION MINISTRIES NETWORK

- **Proverbs 27:17**; *“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”*
- No single person or group can have all the best ideas or develop every needed resource. We need each other! We need to come together to sharpen each other and consider the sound judgment of others.
- Connection Ministries was founded on the vision for Christian community taken from **Acts 2**. The Friendship groups in our network can be the same authentic faith communities that we read about in the book of Acts.
- The exchange of ideas and resources is important. This video training series, “Indispensable” is the result of many years hosting workshops and training events where ideas were discussed and distilled into “best practices.”
- Learning begins with doing and then comparing the ideas that what work, or don’t work for your group with the ideas that work for other groups. This is the value of being part of a network.



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CONNECTION MINISTRIES NETWORK CONTINUED

- If your church is in central Indiana, you can consider being part of the Connection Ministries Network. If you are not in our service area, you are still welcome to use any of the resources available on our website. There is never a charge for any of our resources. You may also contact us by email or phone, and we will work to help you.
- You can learn from other churches, as well as organizations that equip churches.
- **Ability Ministry** has many good resources including online training videos, curricula, and much more. <https://abilityministry.com/>
- **Joni and Friends** has a variety of online training resources for both churches and individuals. They also have a Ministry Podcast where you can ask real questions and get real answers. You will find them at <https://www.joniandfriends.org/>
- **Special Needs and Disabilities Ministry Leaders Forum** is a private Facebook group hosted by keyministry.org with more than 2000 members. Everyday there are numerous posts and responding comments on a variety of subjects.
- **The Institute on Theology and Disability** is another private Facebook page with more than 600 members.
- These websites and social media pages are valuable, but nothing beats face-to-face relationships that can form between the teams from different church ministries. Connection Ministries host local workshops and training sessions that foster these friendships and encourage collaboration.
- **Acts 2:46**; *“Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.”*

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CONNECTION MINISTRIES NETWORK CONTINUED

- As we meet together to exchange ideas, we can offer each other that much needed encouragement.
- If your church is in central Indiana, we would love to hear from you. If not, look for another network in your area. You can also contact churches who have disability ministries in your area and meet with them. Don't be an isolated ministry leader.

 <https://connection-ministries.org>