

CONNECT GROUP NOTES  
'The little girl principles'

*feel intimidated and fearful that the Spirit of God might embolden them.*

Reading: 2.Kings 5:1-5

Naaman was a military commander in the Syrian army. He suffered with leprosy, a disfiguring disease that eventually led to death. Important though he was, he was a doomed man. Sin has exactly the same effect. It disfigures and eventually leads to spiritual death. *How serious is sin? What do you make of Ezek.33:1-11/Acts 20:26?*

The little girl did not focus on what she couldn't do, but on what she could do. What could she do? What can we do?

- We can pray. Deliberate and sustained prayer changes things. Like a magnifying glass, it focuses and concentrates the rays of heaven on to the desired object. *Who and what are you focusing your prayers on?*
- We can tell our story. We all have stories of God's dealing with us, especially of how we became Christians. These need to be sharpened – they are very effective. *Have two people share in three minutes how they became a Christian.*
- We can invite. This takes a little courage and prayerful determination. *Can you think of someone that you could invite to either the J. John event on the 6<sup>th</sup> October or the Mark Richie event on the 9<sup>th</sup> October?*

The little girl was appropriate in her approach. In no way was she culturally able to approach her master, instead she approached her mistress. She was aware of cultural protocol. *What can we learn from this?*

The little girl was courageous. Look at Acts. 1:8/4:31. The Spirit is given that we might be empowered to share our faith. *Spend some time praying for those who*