# Sunday 19th November – Connect Group Notes

## What do you have to do to be a good Christian?

Colossians 3:1-17

1. When have you known, or experienced, the church to be legalistic about certain rules in order to be a ‘good Christian’?

2. Why do we so easily slip into Christianity being about keeping certain rules? ‘Trying really hard to do some things and not to do other things’?

3. How do the surrounding verses (v1-4, & v17, and the letter as a whole) help us put these dos and don’ts in context?

4. How does the challenge of 3:5 show us what it means to follow Jesus? (See also Romans 6:4, Ephesians 4:22-24)

5. How does Paul’s list of things to put off in v5-9 help us with this challenge?

6. Why do we also need the counter list of things to put on in v12-14? How do we ‘put these things on’?

7. We easily think about these virtues for ourselves individually and our own struggles. How does v15-16 put this challenge in the context of a Christian community?

8. Are there things that you recognise you need God’s help, and your groups help, with putting off, or putting on? How can you support one another?

If nothing else, we can certainly pray for one another, and for the church that v15-17 would be true of us.