# Sunday 15th June – Connect Group Notes

## Read Philippians 2:1-13

**1. Historical Perspective**

**How does understanding discipleship in Jesus’ day enhance your understanding of Jesus' invitation to "come, follow me"?**

Consider the image of a rabbi and their apprentice—what does this say about what Jesus expects of his disciples?

**2. United with Christ**

**Paul says we are “united with Christ” (v1). He also calls us to be like-minded and to have “the same mindset as Christ Jesus” (v5). What do you think it really means to be united with Christ?**

How is this more than just agreeing with Jesus, or believing certain things about him?

**3. Working Out Our Salvation**

**In verse 12, Paul says “continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling.” What does this mean—and how does it challenge the idea that salvation is a one-time decision or event?**

How would you describe the ongoing journey of salvation?

**How is working *out* our salvation different from working *for* our salvation?**

How do we avoid the trap of performance or legalism in our discipleship?

**Verse 13 says “it is God who works in you…”—how does this shape the way we think about our role and God’s role in our discipleship?**

Is it encouraging or challenging—or both?

**4. The Way of Jesus**

**Eugene Peterson said: “The Jesus way wedded to the Jesus truth brings about the Jesus life.” He argued that many Christians focus more on Jesus as truth than on Jesus as way. Do you think that’s true? Why might we be tempted to ignore the ‘way’ of Jesus?**

What might it look like to intentionally walk in “the way” of Jesus?

**5. Personal Reflection**

**If the Christian life is a race or a journey, where would you say you are right now?**

Are you running strongly? Moving slowly but steadily? Struggling or sitting it out?  
What would help you take a step forward or keep on going?