Sunday 6th July – Connect Group Notes

‘Practising the Way: Doing as Jesus did’

**Read John 14: 5-14**

1. Jesus has told his disciples he will be leaving them soon. Have you experienced the loss of someone who really helped you in your Christian life - maybe as a mentor or encourager - but no longer plays that role? How did it affect you?
2. Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” (v5) Thomas had problems with destination. How do you feel about where your life is heading, especially your eternal security?
3. Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” (v8). Philip had problems with identity - understanding the relationship between Jesus and the Father. How do you see this?
4. “I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing.” (v12). Look at the following selection of acts that Jesus did and the way they are mirrored by the early disciples in the gospels/Acts. You may have other examples to add to the list.

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| **Jesus** | **Disciples in New Testament** |
| Proclaimed salvation | Peter (Acts 2: 14-40) |
| Healed | Peter (Acts 9: 32-35) |
| Cast out evil spirits | The 72 disciples (Luke 10: 17) |
| Showed compassion | (Acts 2: 44-47) |
| Challenged religious authorities | Peter (Acts: 4: 8-12) |
| Befriended the outcast | Paul (Philemon 10-11) |
| Taught with authority | Paul and Barnabas( Acts 14: 44-49) |
| Demonstrated faith | Criminal on the cross (Luke 23: 40-43) |
| Prayed | When Peter was in prison (Acts 12: 12-14) |
| Faced persecution | Church in Jerusalem Acts 8: 2-3) |
| Sacrificed life | Stephen (Acts 7: 59-8:1) |
| Made disciples/ Followers/ Apprentices | Peter (Acts 2: 40-41) |

1. How much do we see the above in evidence in the church today? And in our own lives?
2. How do the three legs of the stool - Be with Jesus; Become like Jesus; Do as Jesus did - relate to one another?
3. At this stage in the sermon series ‘Practising the Way’ is there anything you’ve resolved to change about your life?