# Sunday 28th September – Connect Group Notes

### Philippians 2:12-30

1. **Looking back to Philippians 2:1–11**  
   Paul has just painted the picture of Jesus’ humility and obedience. Who have you seen — in history, the church, or your own life — reflect something of this mindset of Christ? What stood out about them?
2. **God’s work and our work (v12–13)**  
   Read verses 12–13 carefully. What do these verses say about what we are responsible for, and what God is responsible for? How do you make sense of both being true at the same time?
3. **Shining like stars (v14–16)**  
   Why do you think Paul links “shining like stars” with not grumbling or arguing and being blameless and pure? Where do you find this most challenging in daily life? How could our group or church shine more brightly in our community?
4. **Examples to follow (v19–30)**  
   What qualities of Timothy and Epaphroditus strike you most? In what ways do they reflect the attitude of Christ from verses 1–11? Which of their qualities do you find most inspiring or most challenging?
5. **Living it out together**  
   Andy highlighted how Timothy and Epaphroditus both showed genuine love and hard work for the gospel. What might it look like for us — individually and as a group — to grow in those same areas?
6. **Counting the cost**  
   Paul, Timothy, and Epaphroditus all paid a price to serve Jesus. What costs have you experienced (big or small) in following him? What costs might we face in our culture today? How does their example encourage us to keep going?
7. **Putting it into practice**  
   As you look at Jesus’ example (vv1–11), Paul’s teaching (vv12–18), and the lives of Timothy and Epaphroditus (vv19–30), what is one practical way you sense God calling you to grow in having the mindset of Christ this week? How can we support and pray for one another in this?