# Sunday 1st September – Connect Group Notes

## Follow me!

**John 21:15-22**

1. **When has God led you in a direction you didn’t want to go?**  
   Was this a situation you chose or something beyond your control? What was the outcome, and how did it shape your faith journey?
2. **Why do you think Jesus asks Peter three times, “Do you love me?”**  
   How might this relate to Peter’s earlier denial of Jesus? In what ways could this repetition be significant for Peter’s restoration and for us today?
3. **Peter was hurt when Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?”**  
   Why do you think this question was painful for Peter to answer? How can it be challenging for us to confront our own love for Jesus? Why might people find it difficult to talk openly about their faith and walk with Him?
4. **How comfortable do you feel discussing your faith in this group?**  
   Spend some time sharing how you are (or are not) growing in your love for Jesus and understanding His love for you. In simpler terms, “How are you and God doing?”
5. **How can we continue having these conversations and help each other grow over the next year in our connect group?**  
   Are there specific practices or commitments we can agree on as a group to encourage spiritual growth and accountability?
6. **How does Jesus confront Peter with the cost of following Him?**  
   How does this relate to Jesus’ teaching in Luke 9:23-24 about the cost of discipleship? What does this mean for each of us as followers of Jesus?
7. **Are we prepared, both personally and as a church, to be led in a direction we might not want to go?**  
   What signs would indicate that we’re ready to follow Jesus in this way? If we’re not prepared, what steps can we take to become more willing and obedient?

In response to all this it would be good to pray!

In addition to praying as a group there’s opportunity for us to pray on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th September. See the bulletin for more details.