# Sunday 8th September – Connect Group Notes

## Remain in me

**Read John 15:1-17**

1. **Experiencing God’s Love:**  
   Has there been a time when you’ve become especially aware of God’s love or felt His presence in a meaningful way? Was this something you made time for intentionally, or did it happen unexpectedly?  
   If not, what are ways you can intentionally create space to experience God’s love more fully?
2. **Understanding the Love of God in Jesus:**  
   Looking at John 15:9, how have you come to understand more of God’s love through Jesus? How does the love the Father has for His Son help you grasp Jesus’ love for us?  
   You may want to look at 1 John 4:8 and Ephesians 3:14-19 to explore the depth of God’s love.
3. **Remaining in Jesus’ Love:**  
   What do you think Jesus means when He says, “Remain in my love”? How does this connect to the image of the vine and branches earlier in John 15?
4. **Relationship vs. Knowledge:**  
   Do you think Jesus is more concerned with our relationship with Him than simply knowing facts about Him? Why is this important?  
   In what ways do we sometimes prioritize knowledge about Jesus over an actual relationship with Him? How can we correct this balance?
5. **Obeying Jesus’ Commands:**  
   In John 15:10, Jesus speaks of obeying His commands as part of remaining in His love. What commands do you think He’s referring to? How does He empower us to keep them?
6. **Loving Others as Jesus Loves Us:**  
   How can knowing and experiencing Jesus’ love help you love others better? Can you share any examples from your life where you’ve seen this in action?  
   How does Jesus’ example challenge or encourage you in difficult relationships?
7. **Practices for Remaining in Jesus’ Love:**  
   What are some spiritual practices, habits, or rhythms that help you remain in Jesus’ love? Are there any new practices you want to try or that we, as a group, could adopt to help one another stay rooted in His love?  
   What might this look like for you personally—whether daily, weekly, monthly etc. or as part of the church?