# Sunday 15th October – Connect Group Notes

## Making Disciples

Read Matthew 28:16-20

1. **Reflecting on Your Journey:**
   * Who has helped you grow in your faith? Think about the people that have had a significant impact on your discipleship journey.
   * How did their influence change the way you follow Jesus?
2. **Pause for Thanksgiving:**
   * Then, spend a few minutes praying together, thanking God for the people who have influenced you.
3. **Understanding the Great Commission:**
   * When Jesus says, "Go and make disciples," what comes to mind for you?
   * Do you see this as mainly about helping others come to faith, or does it include the whole process of helping them grow in lifelong discipleship?
4. **Lowering the bar to Leadership:**
   * If making disciples is something we’re all called to do, do you think we sometimes make it seem like leadership or disciple-making is for “qualified” people only? What are some of the reasons we might exclude ourselves from leadership and disciple making?
5. **Responding to Those Barriers:**
   * What biblical truths or practical actions can help us overcome those reasons?
6. **Leading by Example (Read 1 Corinthians 11:1):**
   * Paul says, “Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.” How does this challenge you personally in the way you live and lead others?
   * How does this ‘raise the bar’ on discipleship?
7. **Encouragement from Matthew 28:**
   * When you feel unprepared or inadequate to make disciples, how does Jesus’ words in Matthew 28 help you?
8. **Continuing to Be Discipled:**
   * Discipleship is a lifelong journey. How are you currently growing in your faith? Who is discipling or mentoring you?
9. **Making Disciples in Everyday Life:**
   * How are you currently helping others grow in their faith? This could be through formal roles (like teaching or leading) or informal ways (like conversations with friends or setting an example at work).
   * What’s one area of your life where you can lead by example for those around you?
   * What’s one specific way you could help make disciples in the coming weeks? Think about something practical and achievable that you can do, even in everyday interactions.