

# CONNECT GROUP NOTES Sunday 04.06.23

"Christ Above It all "

#### Preacher

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### Scripture

"Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of His body, which is the church. I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness - the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations , but is now disclosed to the Lord's people."

Colossians 1:24-26

## Thought

This passage is a call for us to grow. According to Paul this happens in two ways: being rooted in Him and being built up. We can, at times, default to trying to achieve individually, but Paul encourages us to do so in Christian community.

Whilst we can fall into the habit of striving, Paul encourages us to reflect a Kingdom perspective and mature in our faith and become more Christ-like. When we embrace Jesus as King, and our foundation, the things that previously caused us to be shaken or uprooted no longer cause turmoil and affect our day to day. This passage challenges us to remain connected to Christ and community which leads to us growing up and maturing in our faith.



## **Discussion Points**

- 1. In the same way Jesus would tend to the unseen how are you ensuring your roots are going deep?
- 2. If roots going down are organic growth, how do you ensure you are being built up and seeing intentional growth?
- 3. How are you actively surrendering in your day to day to ensure growth?
- 4. Are you open to the teaching and admonishing of those around you?

### Personal application + Prayer

Father,

Thank you for your word today and I invite you into my life to show me areas where I need to surrender more and grow in Christlikeness.

Lord Jesus,

I invite you to be King of my life - that my heart would reflect your heart to see our church grow in interconnectedness with you and each other .

In Jesus Name Amen