

# Connect Group Notes

Sermon: Being part of God's Family

Reading: Ephesians 3:14-19

Date: 26th May 2024 (AM)

As you begin...

- Have you had any encouragements or challenges over the last week from God's Word?
- Any answers to prayer?
- Any opportunities to talk to someone about the Lord?
- Spend a few minutes sharing personal prayer requests and pray for one another.

1. Discuss the difference between intellectual understanding and experiential knowledge of Christ's love. How can both be nurtured in your life?
2. What does it mean to "grasp the love of Christ" - together, as a church family?

*"He sees all the twisted things about me that my fellow humans do not see, and that he sees more corruption in me than that which I see in myself. There is, however, equally great incentive to worship and love God in the thought that, for some unfathomable reason, he wants me as his friend, and desires to be my friend, and has given his Son to die for me in order to realize this purpose."*

*- J.I. Packer, Knowing God*

3. Since God's love breaks down all barriers and is so comprehensive - high, wide, deep, long - how might this shape our own church community?
4. What actions will you take this week to seek God's power to become more like Christ and to grasp His love more fully? How might these prayers link with Peter's convictions about church family we've seen in recent weeks: love, hospitality and service.
5. What would it look like, in practise, to live out and pray these two prayers for one another? Spend some time praying these things for one another.