

These notes are designed to be used by small groups on Zoom, by members of a family or by a couple of friends on the telephone. They are based on our Sunday sermons and are designed to help us all think through the issues raised about “God in my Everything”. You will get the most out of them if you have heard the sermon first.

Sermon Date

Sunday 17 April, Alan Hulme

Bible Passages

Acts 2:44-47; Gen 2:18-25; Gen 1:26-27

Theme & Introduction

An introduction to the next theme in our “God in my Everything” series, **Friendship**.

What does the bible say about friendship?

Why might it be an important thing for individuals and church communities to think about?

Questions

1. Ice Breakers: Use some or all of these questions to have a general discussion about friendship. (Don't spend the whole time on this – get onto the bible study too!)
 - What qualities does a really good friend have?
 - Should you have to put effort into getting on with friends or should it be easy all the time?
 - Why do some people find it difficult to make friends while others appear to find it easy?
 - What different types of friendship are there?
 - If there are differences between the way men are friends and women are friends, what are they?
 - What is needed to keep a meaningful friendship alive?
 - What do you think is the impact of technology on friendship?
2. Read Gen 2:18, Gen 1:26-27
Alan claimed that, *“Friendship is not just a nice add-on to the important bits of being a church; theologically it is at the heart of what we are called to be.”*
What evidence do you see in these passages for that statement? If it is true, what are some of the implications for the way we are church and on your personal rule of life?
3. Read Acts 2:44-47
What impact do you think the relationships between these Christians had on their surrounding community? Why?
4. What could your Connect Group (or you as an individual) do this summer to help us as a church family to re-connect with each other after this period of relative isolation?
5. What has to happen for you to be able to share deeply personal spiritual issues with someone? Can you share deep spiritual issues with each other in the group? If not, how can you find places where you can do it?