

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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021, Jane Hulme

## Bible Passage

Colossians 2:6-8

## Theme & Introduction

This study is the last in the series on “God in my everything”. You may find it helpful to begin by reading Colossians 2:6-8. Everyone will need a copy of the Trellis diagram.

## Questions

1. Take a look at the “God in my everything” trellis. Take it in turns to share something from one of the twelve areas from the trellis that has helped you in your walk of faith with Jesus.
2. Jane suggested that we face considerable opposition on our journeys of faith from the devil, our flesh and the world.
  - Can anyone share one of the lies that the devil has fed into their thoughts and the effect that it had upon them? (eg. “you’re not forgiven”, “you’re stupid” etc)
  - What do you think the main struggles of “the flesh” are?
  - Jane mentioned a few ways in which sinful behaviour has been normalised by our society (eg. sexual behaviour, drunkenness etc). Can you think of a few more?
  - In your view, how much is our church family affected by the world’s ways?
3. See if you can put together Jesus’ “rule of life.” Start by listing the habits Jesus had to stay close to His Father.
4. Looking at each of the 12 areas on the rule of life:
  - Share together which ones you find the most challenging.
  - Are there things you can do to help each other with the challenges you face?
5. Jane encouraged us to put together our own personal “rules of life” so that we can follow Jesus faithfully.
  - Share together how you do (or will) put the 3 root practices of Bible reading, Prayer and Sabbath into practice.
  - Choose one other area from the trellis and share what you hope to do to incorporate it into your rule of life.
  - How might being accountable to each other work as an encouragement?

