

## Address the mess - Connect Group notes

### “The mess we won’t address”

#### Getting started

Describe a time this week when everything went as you planned, hoped or expected and a time when it didn't!!

*Life doesn't always work out the way we want it to but we can learn from the times it doesn't as well as the times when it does!!*



#### Getting stuck in

This week we are looking at the mess we won't address....

Start by reading Phil. 1 v.3-6

- What strikes you from these few verses?
- What are some of the implications of these verses for our lives?
- If God wants to complete the work he has begun in us, what are some of the things that can threaten that?

We looked at a story of Jesus and a man to draw out the thought that there may be times in our lives when we have things we are not willing to address or deal with...

Read John 5 v. 1-9

Yes this is a healing miracle, and having a sickness doesn't mean there's mess we won't address, but the question Jesus asks is a penetrating one....

#### **‘Do you want to get well?’**

- Why does Jesus ask this question?
- What could this mean for us in our lives do you think?
- What are some of the reasons we won't address the mess in our lives?
- What have you learned or are learning about this in your own life?

#### Getting personal

Finish by asking if people were willing to share something they'd like to address in their lives that maybe they haven't been that willing before?

Stress the confidentiality of the group and pray for each other....

There are over 40 people on Alpha right now, pray that God begins a good work in each and every one of them.

There are so many people using foodbank and warm welcome right now pray for help and encouragement for them and those who are struggling in our communities right now.

A date for your diary coming up.....

