

**CONNECT GROUP NOTES**  
**'Church of the future'**

**Church life has history. We can look back and see the changes that have been made. We can see how we ourselves have changed. Church life also has future. By God's grace we will still be here long into the future, until Jesus comes again. *What do you feel has changed over the years? And what do you envisage over the next 5, 10 or 25 years?***

**Stuart marked out some signs for the kind of church that God is looking for and that we seek to become.**

- **A church that is open to both word and Spirit**
- **A church that is both inclusive and open**
- **A church that is missional in its heartbeat and ethos**
- **A church that is moving and flexible**
- **A church that is a model to others.**

**Carefully go through these points and ask the questions:**

***How can we facilitate these qualities?***

***Because I make up part of the church, is there anything here that I personally could work on?***

***Spend some time praying for the leaders that God will grace them and give them the wisdom and anointing to lead the church forward into our future.***