Connect Group notes 15 April 2024

Don continued his series on Sunday called 'Biblical Birdwatching'.

On Sunday Don talked about migrating birds, and what they can teach us about repentance. Read Jeremiah 8:4-7. The birds go (migrate) but they always return, unlike God's people.

Don stated that repentance is an ongoing attitude/action/way of life. Discuss as a group the following...

- What actually is repentance? What is it not?
 (Repentance is the ongoing response of our hearts to God's programme which is unswervingly devoted to the radical upheaval of the human will)
- What are some of the ways we can show repentance to God?
- What prevents us from being repentant?
- How does the Holy Spirit help us with repentance? Consider the ongoing renewal of our conscience, as we grow to be more like Jesus...see Romans 9:1

"I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying; my conscience [enlightened and prompted] by the Holy Spirit bearing witness with me".

- Discuss the importance of being sensitive to other believer's consciences about various things, especially if we have a clear conscience before God about something they may not. Use Romans 14 as a guide.