

DISCUSSION NOTES

Love Your Neighbour

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We love our Lord by loving our neighbours—which requires prayer, care, and listening.

Pray

- Prayer is the linchpin that holds together loving our neighbour and loving our Lord.
- When loving the Lord in prayer is our priority, our loves are rightly ordered (Augustine) and we will not find ourselves overwhelmed by the needs of others.
- So don't look for ways to save the world, the better question is "what next, Lord?"

Care

- When we love our Lord prayerfully we will find ourselves loving our neighbours genuinely.
- God is far more concerned than we ever will be.
- Even when problems look too big for us, Jesus will call us to care and to give what we do have so he can take and multiply it.

Listen

- One of the greatest hindrances to love in the 21st century is our inability to listen.
- Listening to God for our direction is imperative because He is far more active in the world than we could ever imagine.
- When we believe God is active and will guide us, we are able to let go of fear and really listen to people—even if they are across the boundary lines we've set for ourselves.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe a time when you were surprised by someone who shared your faith while disagreeing with something else important to you. What happened?
2. Of people pleasing, manipulation, or apathy, which do you most struggle with? Why might that be?
3. Where do you need the reminder that God is present and active today?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

"The Measure of Charity" in *No Man is an Island* by Thomas Merton

"This is Water" by David Foster Wallace (an interesting perspective from an atheist)

On Christian Doctrine by Augustine

In the School of the Spirit by Jacques Philippe

Every previous sermon in this series ;)