

DISCUSSION NOTES

Love Your Neighbour

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The Art of Listening - *"It is easy to hear....but takes discipline to listen."*

1. *Good listening often reflects our relationship with God.*

- When we take the time to speak with God, we release our burdens to our heavenly Father who helps us carry our burdens and creates capacity
- How we listen to and hear God is often how we listen to and hear others.
- There will be days when the most important thing we do that day will be to turn towards our co-worker/friend/colleague, uncross our arms, lean forward, look into their eye and hear their pain and sorrow all the way to the bottom of their heart

2. *Good listening is a patient act of love.*

- When you are in a conversation, do we find ourselves thinking of our response to what the other is saying before they finish what they are saying? Do we find ourselves only waiting for a chance to speak?
- Rarely will someone begin with the most important thing first. We must listen through to the finish to truly understanding what they are saying

3. *Good listening prepares us to speak well.*

- Proverbs 18.13 - *Spouting off before listening to the facts is both shameful and foolish.*
- "Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen." (Winston Churchill)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When was the last time you entered a conversation with God or with a neighbour with the single intent to listen?
2. Do you feel that you have the ability to listen long and patiently?
3. If you were to ask God who in your life you should take some time to intentionally listen to, who would God say? What do you think would happen if you followed through with listening to them?