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REFLECT

Think back over last month's teaching, Led by the Spirit, by Joy Chalke.

Share anything that has particularly stayed with you and reflect on which parts of the teaching have shaped how you've lived out your discipleship journey over the past few weeks – and why.

RECEIVE

Watch or listen to our latest teaching by Paul Woodman – Love God Wholeheartedly, and Love Your Neighbour Sacrificially.

You are welcome to use this PowerPoint slide as a visual aid while watching or listening:

<https://tinyurl.com/5n9y2dud>

Teaching:

- YouTube: <https://bit.ly/3CWvZhF>
- Spotify: <https://bit.ly/4oe7LS8>
- Apple: <https://bit.ly/479CgCL>

Quick Tip: You can access a complete transcript of this teaching by going to the YouTube video and clicking 'more' in the video description, then clicking 'Show transcript'.

RESPOND

Take time to think about what it means to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. How does God's love for you help you to love God and to love your neighbour?

Questions

1. In the parable, the older son didn't go looking for his younger brother. What can we learn from this?
2. What new thing could I do to grow in love for God and for others?
3. Read the description of love in 1 Corinthians 13. Where do we need God's grace to become more like Jesus?

Prayer

Loving God,

Thank you for reminding us that we are called first to love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and all our strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves. Help us to know you more deeply and to place you at the centre of our lives.

Lord, open our eyes to the people around us. Help us to see our neighbours as you see them each one precious, loved and made in your image. Give us compassion for those who are lonely, hurting, struggling or overlooked.

Teach us not just to speak about love, but to live it: in our words, our actions, our patience, our generosity and our willingness to forgive.

Where there is division, make us peacemakers.
Where there is hurt, make us compassionate.
Where there is need, make us generous.
Where there is loneliness, help us draw near.

Help us to remember that loving you and loving our neighbour belong together. May the love we have for you overflow into the way we treat everyone we meet.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that our lives may reflect the love of Jesus in our homes, our workplaces, our communities and wherever you place us.

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.