Podcast Worksheet
Known by Their Love: Acceptance, Forgiveness, Reconciliation

Scriptural Texts:
Zechariah 7:10; Matthew 12:25; John 13:34-35; Acts 24:16

Main Points:

1. God desires that his children be recognized by their love for others.
2. The "us against them" mentality is divisive, fostering hatred and broken relationships.
3. Divisiveness is Satan's goal, never God's.
4. God sees beauty and goodness in every person, because he is our creator.
5. It is the work of God alone, to reach into a mind or soul, and turn on a light of truth and salvation.
6. Hatred and judgment never led anyone to Jesus.
7. At every person's core are the same needs for love, nurture, acceptance, significance, belonging, freedom, security, and respect.
8. We must learn to separate sin from the sinner, as Jesus does with us.
9. God will always supply any amount of love we need.
10. Change starts inside us, with our heart, beliefs, and acceptance of truth.
11. Bitterness causes unending wreckage in every direction.
12. Prayer needs to precede actions of restitution and reconciliation.
13. Obedience to God means attempting reconciliation whenever we can.

Questions:

1. Who are the people or groups you judge today or have judged in the past as "outside your group?"

2. What false beliefs have contributed to your judgment?

3. Is God calling you to restitution or reconciliation in any relationship? Spend time asking and listening to God about this. Record your impressions.

Prayer of Response:
Lord God, I realize I have not honored you in my attitude and treatment of certain individuals and groups. I confess this offense against you and humbly ask for your forgiveness. Please renew my mind in the truth and give me courage to live as you ask me to live. By your grace, help me be one who is known by their love. In Jesus name, amen.

Commitment: After prayerful meditation on this podcast, I am going to _____

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