



This week we considered the story of the Good Samaritan that Jesus told to an 'expert in the Law' who approaches him (nb v21 from last week!). It's a story that helps us to see both the kind of others-centred love that God expects of his children, as well as helping us to see that we can't do it – that we need Jesus as the best Good Samaritan who – even when we were far off and enemies – showed us grace and mercy and kindness.

First we need to know his mercy, then we might be those who are able to show it, to 'go and do likewise' (v37).

Here are a few questions to help your group

- What do you make of the man who approaches Jesus? What's his agenda?
- What do we learn of Jesus in these verses? How does he respond to the man? How might that shape our response to those who ask us questions?
- Outline the elements of the story. What is Jesus doing through it? What does the expert realise? How does the story apply to us? What does it mean to be a neighbour as God intends?
- Who do we to associate with in the story? How is Jesus like the Good Samaritan (and so what does that make us)?