

## **Discussion and Reflection Questions Into The Light - 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2026**

### **Read: Luke 10:25-37**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ <sup>26</sup> He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ <sup>27</sup> He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.’ <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’

<sup>29</sup> But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.” <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ <sup>37</sup> He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

### **Questions**

1. The lawyer asks, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” What does Jesus’ response suggest about the connection between eternal life and everyday love?
2. Jesus asks, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” Why do you think Jesus bring the man back to Scripture instead of giving a direct answer?
3. The lawyer asks, “And who is my neighbour?” What assumptions about boundaries, identity, or belonging might sit behind that question? Who is your neighbour today?
4. The priest and the Levite both see the wounded man but pass by. What might have kept them from stopping? What modern equivalents can you think of that we pass by with “good reason”?
5. The Samaritan is described as being “moved with compassion.” How does compassion move you?

6. Jesus shifts the question from “Who is my neighbour?” to “Which of these was a neighbour?” How does this reframe the way we think about mission and responsibility?
7. The Samaritan’s love is practical and costly (oil, wine, time, money, follow-up care). What does sacrificial love look like in our community?

### **Prayer**

Merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ reveals the light of your love in word and in deed: open our eyes to see our neighbour in need, soften our hearts with your compassion, and move us to acts of mercy and courage; that, walking in the light of Christ, we may cross boundaries, bind up what is broken, and make visible the hope of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**