

## Home Group Discussion Questions

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Passage: Luke 10:25-37

### Icebreaker:

What is the greatest act of charity you have ever personally witnessed?

### Read the Passage: Luke 10:25-37

1. Having asked his questions, and received an answer from Jesus, Luke tells us that the lawyer tried to justify himself for asking them. Why and in what way do we try and justify our actions at times?
2. The lawyer wants to know who his neighbour is. He wants to know the limits, the least he has to do to stay this side of the line. How do we make the transition from having a 'bare minimum' mentality (just doing enough to 'appease' God) to a love relationship which asks 'how can I please God the most' kind of attitude?
3. What do you think the lawyer and the crowd listening would have expected of each passer by and why?
4. How do you think the Priest & Levite justified their actions in their minds? (Think about their possible excuses). What are the excuses we use when it comes to not helping the needy.
5. Who are the potential 'Samaritans' in our lives? The one's, if we're honest, that we would struggle to neighbour & prefer above ourselves?
6. Why do you think it is significant that the Samaritan lavishes love upon the man and doesn't just do the bare minimum?
7. Why is it that we're so often willing to give a small amount but seldom extravagant in our sacrifice; especially when the cost is high?
8. It is interesting that Jesus has the Jews lying in the road, not the Samaritan. Why is this? How would the parable have been different if the Samaritan was the one lying injured in the road? (Consider motivation by guilt; it brings it home to the lawyer – he's the one in need.)
9. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. What does it mean that we have been radically neighbored by Christ and why is it a better motivator than guilt?
10. What is meant by the quote 'what the law demands of us, the gospel produces in us'?