

WHY SOCIAL ACTION?

Start off with feedback from Sunday's message. What did those that were there - or those that have caught up online - take away from it? What encouraged them, what informed them and what challenged them?

Read Luke 10.25-37

³³ But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.

- 'What must I do.. Who is my neighbour?' Religious people always want to know how the rules work and what the limits are. Why is this? Are you ever like this?
- Kate said that religious people, like the Pharisees, are more concerned with their vertical relationship with God and their personal holiness, than with their horizontal relationships with others. Do you agree? Is this something the church has been guilty of? What does it result in?
- The Priest and Levite failed to stop and help the man, probably with good excuses. What are the things in your life that stop you from reaching out to those in need?
- *v33. 'he took pity on him'*. Why do you think Jesus put this in the story? Why is it important for us to be affected emotionally for those we want to help? What's the danger of social action without compassion?
- Who are the people in your life that you could be a neighbour to?
- How can we as a group 'go and do likewise'? How can we support one another in social action individually? Are there things we could do together?

Big Idea: 'As followers of Jesus we do social action because that is how we show we really love God.'

Break into smaller groups and pray for one another. Share the areas that you struggle with and confess the tendency to just be religious, rather than loving.

Pray for opportunities to serve others and love neighbours. Pray for hearts that are open to compassion and hands that are ready to heal. Pray for the work of our partners, like One25 and Crisis Centre. Pray that Metro is a church known for active service in the city.