

LUKE 10: 25-37

Are we good Samaritans? We don't always meet people in ditches, but people we do meet need to know we are present, listening to them, with compassion for what they are going through.

Jesus makes it sound simple. As far as Jesus is concerned, when we are confronted with an opportunity to show compassion and care for someone, there is no excuse good enough to justify holding us back.

The Good Samaritan symbolises the heart of God towards all people, regardless of who they are, social status, religious background, political views etc. It shows the sacrificial love, care, and compassion of God for all who are hurting. His heart and desire are that we too show compassion and care for others over and above any differences we may have and that our love for people is indiscriminate, like His.

This kind of love can be uncomfortable, even risky. The priest and the Levite didn't want to take the risk to be uncomfortable loving a "stranger", so they just passed by. But the Samaritan stepped out of his comfort zone. He took a risk.



01 — Looking at those in our lives

Think of someone who you know who loves God with all their heart, soul, strength and mind. What are they like? How would you describe them?



02 — Looking at our lives

How can we apply this parable of The Good Samaritan to our own life?



03 — Samaritans vs Jews

Jewish people looked down on Samaritans, so why do you think Jesus purposefully made a Samaritan the hero of the story?



04 — Practising what (Fiona) preaches

Who has been passed over and "left in the ditch" today that you could help?

