

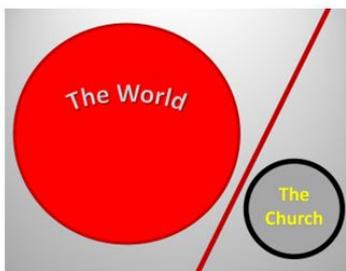
Questions: A Healthy Church.... Cares for it's Community

Luke 10:25-37

NB Please see below the info graphic created by Steve explaining the link between the church and the community around us - the is attached below and maybe helpful for discussions.

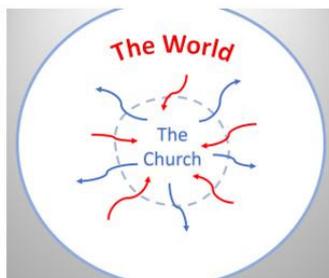
- What do you think about this "expert in the Law of Moses" and his answers – does he know his stuff? Does Jesus rebuke him?
- Who ends up looking like the expert by the end of the passage?
- Why do you think the lawyer asks "who is my neighbour?" (v29).
- Why do you think Jesus starts telling the lawyer a *story*, rather than giving a straight and simple answer to his question?
- Jewish priests and Levites would have been part of the lawyer's community inner circle. But the Jews mistrusted – even hated – the Samaritans. What do you think the lawyer might have been thinking when Jesus started talking about a Samaritan? (v33).
- After telling the story, what does Jesus say to the lawyer? (v37)
- Do you think we are being called by Luke to put ourselves in the place of the *Samaritan*, or the *lawyer*?
- Why did Jesus use the Samaritan to tend to the injured man and not the Priest or the Levite?
- In our ministry to the Parish of Cove, what lessons can be learned from the Parable?
- Do you think it is hard to reach out to those outside our immediate church circle? What are the challenges?
- What might showing mercy actually look like? Are there activities in our church which reach out beyond our church boundaries and show mercy to people (try to think of as many as you can).
- Who are our neighbours? What can we do to reach out to them - this week, this month or over the course of this year?
- FAMILY QUESTION: try to think of a time when an unexpected person has shown mercy to you

An Unhealthy
Church:
Disconnected from
the World



*But what does a
healthy church look
like...*

A Healthy Church –
with Porous and
Fuzzy Boundaries



A Healthy Church –
Mercy Out,
Welcome In:



*"Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."
(Luke 10:36-37)*