



## **LAW AND LOVE: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LOVE MY NEIGHBOUR AS A CHRISTIAN LAWYER?**

### **What is our motivation for loving our neighbour?**

- Read Luke 10: 25-37 (on next page). Who do you identify with most in the story? Why?
- What difference does knowing we are saved by grace make to loving our neighbours?
- Who actually is our “neighbour”? Who might be the modern-day equivalent of the Samaritan?

### **How do we love our neighbours through law?**

- How good do you think lawyers are at loving their neighbours? Why?
- What do you think are the most useful ways that lawyers can love their neighbours? What practical examples have you seen?
- What are the biggest obstacles to effective ministry in this area? How do we overcome them?

### **How can we love our neighbours practically?**

- In what way has Jesus’ challenge in this parable impacted you personally?
- Which of these next steps could you take?
  - Help at a Law Centre
  - Do pro bono work for churches or charities
  - Engage in public policy consultations
  - Become a charity trustee or school governor
  - Go on an LCF Mission Team to East Africa or serve another overseas legal aid charity

### **Further reading:**

- *Generous Justice*, Tim Keller (2010)
- *Good News to the Poor*, Tim Chester (2004)



**Luke 10:25-37 (ESV)**

*<sup>25</sup>And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup>He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” <sup>27</sup>And 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 answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”*

*<sup>29</sup>But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbour?” <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, 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, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>And the next day he took out two denarii<sup>[a]</sup> and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, “Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.” <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?” <sup>37</sup>He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”*