

Love your neighbour as yourself

'We love because he first loved us.' 1John 4:10

'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.' John 3:16

- Start by praising God for the way in which he has loved, and continues to love, you.

'By this will everyone know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.' John 13:35

In Luke 6:27-36 and Luke 10:25-37 Jesus teaches on loving others. Both end with the same theme of showing mercy – the kind of mercy God has shown us.

- Ask God to overwhelm you/the church with a renewed understanding and experience of his love, compassion and mercy toward you/us, undeserving though we are.
- Pray that we might go out in the very same attitude towards others.
- Who in your life and our community do you need to show mercy to? Pray for them and then commit to do something for them.
- Who might you/the church be tempted to ignore? Think about people who are different to you, people you would not usually mix with. Pray for them and then seek ways to engage with them.
 - Pray for the work of CAP (Christians Against Poverty).
 - Pray for local Food Banks.
 - Pray for those from different countries and cultures living in the area.
 - Pray our churches would be places of refuge and welcome to all.
- Go for a walk, praying that when the Lord shows you someone in need, he will enable you to do something to help them.