

## ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND

*Sharing Christ through friendship.*

Small Group notes for week beginning Sunday **14/7/13 (Trinity 7)**.

**Rom. 12:9-end; Luke 10:25-37**

*Meeting with Jesus (2): a lawyer with a question*

<b>Welcome/ icebreaker</b>	Share a time when you were helped by a 'good Samaritan' – or when you (or someone you know) acted as one.
<b>Worship</b>	Worship: choose songs that reflect God's call to share his love with our neighbour – especially those who are not yet Christians ( <i>e.g. 664 Beauty for brokenness; 716 Filled with compassion; 880 Let everything that has breath; 629 You are the vine</i> )
<b>Word / (refs.)</b>	
Read Rom. 12:9-13	Do any of these verses speak to you particularly clearly today? Why? How can we develop 'soft hearts' so that we naturally 'rejoice/ mourn' with others, rather than becoming indifferent to their situations? (v.15) How easy do you find this teaching to bless someone who is opposed to you (v.20)?
Luke 10:28-32	How might the lawyer here have felt about the Priest and the Levite's responses here? Would he be right in thinking they were justified in acting as they did?  What reasons might we have for not helping others in need? How do we decide when it is right to do so?  How do you respond to meeting a homeless person (including a 'Big Issue' seller) on the street? What might you want to do next time?
Luke 10:33-37	All three men <i>saw</i> the injured man. How was the reaction of the Samaritan different from that of the others? In what ways does he reflect Jesus' life and ministry (see also John 8:38, Isaiah 53:3)?
Luke 10:36-37	Discuss the significance of the lawyer's answer in v.36 and Jesus' challenge in v.37. What would 'go and do likewise' have meant for the lawyer? What does it mean to you?
Luke 10:33-37	How might the lawyer have answered his question, 'who is my neighbour?' a) anyone like me with a need, b) anyone who approaches me with a need, c) reputable charitable organisations, d) those whom I feel I can really help, e) those whom I'm most afraid of helping, or f) some other answer?  <i>Share your responses.</i>
<b>Witness</b>	<p><b>Pray</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ for your mission link person(s) or organisation</li> <li>❖ for Daphne in her new role as Associate Minister, and for Jim as he returns home to South Korea to pursue his studies</li> <li>❖ (in confidence) for the needs of any neighbours you know who might appreciate your help.</li> </ul> <p><b>Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ In what way can you 'go and do likewise' this week?</li> <li>❖ an activity as a group during / at the end of the school holidays to which you can invite those who are not yet Christians (eg barbecue, garden party, etc.)</li> </ul>