



*You're Welcome Here!*

**16<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Study Guide – The Good Samaritan (based on a Sermon by Peter Holloway, Prison Fellowship)**

Please read **Luke 10.25-37**

1. How would you answer someone if they asked you, "How do I get eternal life?"
2. The expert in the law summarises the heart of the law as follows, v27 "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, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Jesus replies, v28, "Do this and you will live" What do you think of how Jesus answers the question of how someone gets eternal life?
3. How does Jesus' response challenge our view of the kind of faith that God expects from us? How does this relate to Peter Holloway's illustration of an aircraft requiring two wings in order to fly?
4. In v29, the expert in the law asks Jesus, "who is my neighbour". Peter Holloway said that the man was trying to justify himself before God by limiting the love he was required to give to certain others. What types of people in our society or in your world might we/you feel justified in not loving?
5. Why would it be particularly difficult for the Jewish expert in the law to love the Samaritan man in the way Jesus describes?
6. In v37, Jesus identifies the kind of love required in this situation as 'having mercy'. What does mercy mean? How does the Samaritan's mercy reflect Jesus' having mercy towards you and me?
7. Can you identify (privately) individuals in your life that you resist having mercy on? Before God, how are you going to deal with this in a way that allows you to step forward in faith?
8. This week, in faith - take the opportunity to SPEAK the Good News of Jesus (perhaps including an invitation for your friends to join you at the Church Warrington Andy Hawthorne event on Sat April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Parr Hall), as well as LIVE the Good News of Jesus in having mercy upon those in need, especially those whom you find hardest to love.

To reserve tickets for the Andy Hawthorne event, go to [www.Eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.Eventbrite.co.uk)  
And search "Church Warrington"