



**Hill Cliffe Study Guide**  
**Sunday 19 November 2023**  
**The Justice of Jesus**  
**#2 A Generous Justice**

1. What impacted you most from Sunday's sermon?

*The ancient catacombs of Rome have many very tiny graves with the epitaph "adopted daughter of..." or "adopted son of..." inscribed on them. The 2nd Century historian Tertullian wrote that these inscriptions refer to the many babies and young children whom Christians rescued from the rubbish dumps and raised them as their own or tended to them before they died or gave them a decent burial.*

2. What do you think inspired this radically counter-cultural practice by the Christians in Rome in the first century AD, and for Martin Luther King Jr and others in the American Civil Rights Movement in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century?

**Please read Luke 10. 25-37**

3. Who is my neighbour according to this story?
4. Why are we tempted to try to place boundaries on which 'neighbour' we are prepared to love, and how we are prepared to love them?
5. According to this parable, what will love for our neighbour involve, and what will it cost us (at times) to do justice to it?
6. Why do you think Jesus wants the 'expert in the law' to imagine himself as the victim in the story? And how does this lead him to an understanding of mercy?
7. How will you 'go and do likewise' in your relationships with your neighbours?
8. How is Jesus like the 'Great Samaritan'?

*The first great motivation for striving for God's justice on earth is borne out of God's command to love our neighbour as we love ourselves – all of us equally made in the image of God.*

*The second great motivation for striving for God's justice on earth is borne out of God's command (and our desire) to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.*

*It is just and right that we properly honour our Maker and Saviour and obey His commands. All else is an injustice against God.*

9. Do you agree?

**Please read Colossians 1.15-18, and Romans 1.18-23**

10. How do these verses describe the sense of what's just and right in terms of how we should relate to God?
11. What are the consequences of injustice in our relationship with God? Is that just?