

## **We are the Church: Learning to be God's Kingdom People**

### **Session 3: A people of Extravagant Love**

Dave (online & St Andrew's) and Peter (at All Saints) this week speak on the third topic in this new series as we seek to discern what it means to 'be the church and be God's Kingdom people.' This week we look at what compels us to be 'a people of extravagant love.'

Here are some questions from Dave to reflect on individually or in Life Groups this week.

#### **Luke 10:25-38 A people of extravagant love**

1. Which character in the story do you relate to most at this current time, and why?
2. Dave quoted a tweet from John Tyson who said "I deeply believe that outside of apathy and fear, the greatest hindrance to Jesus mission in our lives is margin. We just don't have time and space for agape love.  
Reclaiming margin maybe one of the most sacred, loving and provocative things you can do." Discuss! Do you relate to this?
3. What could you do practically to create more 'margin' in your life so that you could have more time to dwell with people and demonstrate love to them?
4. Watch the Fletcher's video again - click [here](#) (especially the 2nd and 4th of their values - 'incarnational presence' and 'kingdom participation'). What strikes you about their way of life/ What might we learn from them about 'dwelling deeply' with our neighbours?
5. Dave talked about the Samaritan's example of i) loving those who were not like him ii) taking time to 'See deeply' what God wanted him to see (v33) which led to him having God's compassion iii) Demonstrating extravagant love. What do each of these things mean for you in your context? How could you intentionally seek to model this more.
6. Are there any ways in which God may be calling your group could show 'extravagant love' to those in need around you? [There was a lovely example happening as I finished the midweek service this week of a particular individual who one member of our churches had come across in great need. They also found out that it was this person's birthday on Thursday and that they were not going to have anyone to celebrate it with and no one was even going to be in touch on their birthday. So the church member got a few of their life group together to throw a simple little birthday lunch for this person and collected a basket of fresh vegetables and fruit as a little present for this person. The person said it was the best birthday they had ever had. What a great example of this in action... of showing extravagant love (and therefore the love of God) to someone in need. Pray that God may lead your group to doing likewise for others.

Pause and be still as you reflect on what you've discussed. What is the one thing that God most wants you and your group to put into practice in the light of this session? Share that with each other and pray for each other.