**The Compassionate Samaritan**

**The Word**

Read together Luke 10:25-37

**The Big Idea**

Jesus invites us into a wide-hearted view of the world in which we recognize the surprising grace of God in our own lives and we offer that compassion and love to those around us, regardless of the barriers between us.

**Questions for Discussion**

1. How does hearing the parable of the Good Samaritan in the midst of our current moment impact the story for you? What became clearer to you, and what stood out to you?

2. Can you share a personal Good Samaritan story of experiencing someone crossing all sorts of fences/barriers (whether emotional, financial, racial, etc.) to love someone sacrificially?

3. As you consider the current tension in our nation, what do you think God’s invitation is for you personally in this? That is, what are the steps he desires you personally to take in the coming weeks or months?

4. Spend some time praying for God to bring healing to our nation and for God’s Spirit to work in us, his people, in whatever ways he pleases.