# EwJ3 Lk10b Someone like me

## Someone who wants God in a box

# Encounters with Jesus

## Series on the kind of people who get close to God

### Is there someone like me?

#### Someone who wants God in their life but doesn’t want to be overwhelmed

# How do you think it can be done?

## That's not what we want to hear!

### Which bit don't you understand?

## Most people look at their lives and say ‘God is too big to put in there – my life is so full already’

# God first

## Doing as God asks of us

# Others second

## It shouldn't be up to us who we decide to help, but who God puts in our path

# God's word

## Reaches the parts other words cannot reach

### It's not automatic

## If it reaches it can transform

## Story not about how to treat our neighbours, but the transforming power of God's word

### Take what you know & start doing as you believe

# God’s ways are not our ways

## If you want life in all its fulness then put what you know into practice

### You can’t get it by trying to add God to your life as another important thing when you have the time

### You can only get it by putting Him in first

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# The Parable of the good Samaritan

## What was Jesus command at the end of it?

### Is Jesus saying ‘to inherit eternal life (v1)… we must serve our neighbour (whoever they are)’ (37)?

#### Explain your answer

##### If the answer is Yes, is Jesus hinting at salvation by works?

##### If the answer is No, does this mean serving our neighbours is optional?

## To whom is this parable addressed?

## Why?

## What was it answering? (Careful!)

## Why do you think was it shocking to him?

## When Jesus asked ‘Who was the neighbour?’ (36) why do you think he did NOT say ‘The Samaritan’?

# Samaritans

## ‘Samaritans’ have a positive image in our society (based on this parable)

### How is the word used now?

### What does it mean to our society?

### What did the word Samaritan bring to the Jewish mind in Jesus’ day?

## Which people groups would Jesus use today in re-telling this story to us?

# A parable about attitudes

## To what extent do you agree that this is a parable about attitudes rather than behaviours?

### Can you serve people ‘resentfully’?

#### Explain your answer

# God’s word to us

## Discuss the following:

### All of us are trying to find God’s word for our community at this time; respect for the one speaking is the first act of the Good Samaritan

### Discerning the voice of God can be a hard thing to untangle without the benefit of hindsight

### Discerning God’s will is a matter of the soul, not just the brain and/or the emotions