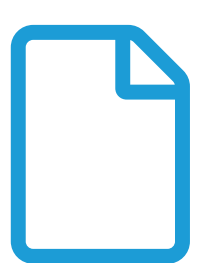
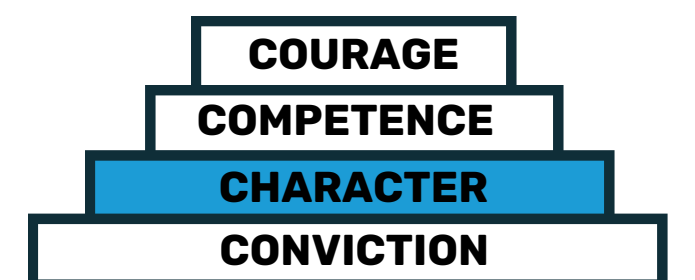




## RADICAL LOVE AT WORK

# 6. THE NEIGHBOUR WE'RE CALLED TO BE



### Introduction

How do you feel about your colleagues?

Happy? Annoyed? Frustrated? Ambivalent?

How about heartbroken?



### Big Picture

*Being the neighbour Jesus calls us to be is all about having compassion.*



### Bible Passage

*A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.*

**Luke 10:31-33**



## Key Truths

1. All three men travelling down the road to Jericho see the beaten up man. Two pass by on the other side, one - the Samaritan has pity on him.
2. Pity (or compassion) is the difference between being one of the crowd and being the neighbour Jesus wants us to be.
3. The word for pity, or compassion, is a word used only three times by Luke. The other times it is used either of Jesus or God the Father. This is not an easy or common calling. This is a divine calling to compassion.
4. The Samaritan's compassion for the beaten man is radically exceptional, but at the same time we recognise that this is exactly how we should all be.

*Thoughts? Questions?*



## Application

The paradox of the parable of the Good Samaritan is we recognise that the Good Samaritan is both acting exactly as we should, but at the same time uniquely and radically exceptional. We are meant to marvel at how well he cares for the beaten up man, but at the same time recognise that this is precisely how we must behave, even if we consistently fail to do so.

Think of your colleagues and friends who don't know Jesus. Do you see their needs? Do you see them as half-dead already - one foot on the earth, one foot in hell? Do you have a visceral reaction to the knowledge that without Jesus they are on their way to hell and judgement?

Do you need to ask God to grant you that divine compassion for the lost around you?

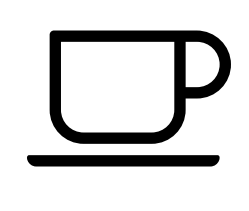


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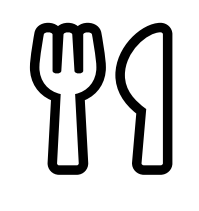
Pray that God would give you divine compassion for those around who are “half-dead” and that you would respond radically in compassion.

**Remember**

**COFFEE**



**DINNER**



**GOSPEL**

