

Life group questions - 05/10/25

Icebreaker: If you could be any animal, which would you be? And why?

Read Luke 10:25-37.

1. When you think about the climate and biodiversity crisis, which character in the story do you most identify with today: the priest, the Levite, the Samaritan, or the injured man? Why?
2. When you think about “being a good neighbour,” what comes to mind? Do you think it only applies to people, or might it also include animals, the planet, and future generations?
3. The priest and Levite both saw the injured man but “passed by on the other side.” (v 31–32)
 - a. What excuses might they have used to justify not helping?
 - b. In what ways might we “cross the road” when faced with environmental or social issues that feel inconvenient, complicated, or uncomfortable?
 - c. What small changes might help us to cross towards the problem instead of away from it?
4. In what ways could we be “Good Samaritans”, not only to people but also to God’s creation?
 - a. How might caring for the environment be a way of loving our global neighbours?
 - b. Are there small, joyful lifestyle choices that could make a difference?
5. Here’s the link for the photo exhibition that was referred to:

<https://www.worldpressphoto.org/collection/photo-contest/2025/Musuk-Nolte/1>.

The photos show the community of São Francisco de Marina, located along the Amazon River, that has become isolated due to the lower waters caused by drought. Many floating homes have collapsed and channels used to navigate the river are no longer viable, impacting people’s jobs and livelihoods.

- a. How do you feel when you look through these photos?
 - b. Do you think that we in the UK bear any responsibility for the impacts of climate change seen in these pictures and elsewhere in the world?
6. Jesus told the man, “Go and do likewise” (v 37).
 - a. What might that command mean for you personally this week?
 - b. In what ways could FBC (or your small group) together “go and do likewise” in the community and for creation?
 - c. Are there any attitudes, fears, or habits that might stop you from doing likewise?