



## GLOBAL COMMUNITY IDEAS FOR CORPORATE WORSHIP

### Lectio Divina: The Good Samaritan

Read Luke 10:25-37 using the practice of Lectio Divina ('divine reading'). Lectio Divina can be done with any passage of Scripture. It is a simple practice, but it can be profound and transformative. Before you start, pray that God will help you understand the passage and how it can apply to your life.

Lectio Divina is a four-step journey:

1. **Lectio (reading):** Read the passage slowly and attentively, allowing yourself to be drawn into the text.
2. **Meditatio (meditation):** Reflect on the passage, asking yourself what it means for you personally.
3. **Oratio (prayer):** Pray to God about what you have read and reflected on.
4. **Contemplatio (contemplation):** Rest in the presence of God, allowing the words of Scripture to sink into your heart.

Tips for practising Lectio Divina:

- Find a quiet place where you will not be interrupted (although Lectio Divina can be practised as a group).
- Read the passage slowly and attentively, letting the words wash over you.
- Don't worry about understanding everything at first. Just let the words sink in.
- If you find yourself getting distracted, gently bring your attention back to the text.
- Allow yourself to rest in the presence of God.

### Biblical Expressions of Community

Choose six people or divide people into six groups and designate a passage for each one. Ask them to read the verses and discuss together for a few minutes what community looks like in each of the passages and share with the wider group.

- Acts 2:42-47
- Matthew 25:31-46
- Acts 15:1-35
- Acts 4:32-35
- 2 Kings 4:1-7
- Ephesians 4:1-16

### Quiz Questions

These questions relate to The Salvation Army International Development UK and the five thematic areas of work. They could be incorporated into a longer quiz night or used as part of a meeting:



- 1) In what year was the International Development unit set up?
  - a. 1992
  - b. 1997
  - c. 2003
- 2) Which of these is not one of the five areas of work?
  - a. Food Security
  - b. Clean Water
  - c. Science and Technology
- 3) As defined by the World Bank, extreme poverty is when people earn:
  - a. \$1.90 per day
  - b. \$2.50 per day
  - c. \$5 per day
- 4) How many countries is The Salvation Army present in around the world (as at October 2023)?
  - a. 129
  - b. 134
  - c. 137
- 5) What is the most common water-borne disease?
  - a. Diarrhoea
  - b. Typhoid
  - c. Cholera
- 6) The Salvation Army in the United Kingdom and Ireland Territory has partnered in community development projects in how many countries?
  - a. Less than 30
  - b. 45
  - c. More than 60
- 7) How many Partners in Mission territories does the United Kingdom and Ireland Territory work alongside?
  - a. 5
  - b. 6
  - c. 7
- 8) In 2021, how many people were estimated to be living in modern slavery?
  - a. 20.7 million
  - b. 32.3 million
  - c. 49.6 million
- 9) In what year did the first International Development Week take place?
  - a. 2019
  - b. 2020
  - c. 2021
- 10) How many people in the world suffer from hunger?
  - a. 1 in 10
  - b. 1 in 5
  - c. 1 in 20



### **Song Suggestions:**

- 'For the healing of the nations' by Fred Kaan
- 'Love divine, all loves excelling' by Charles Wesley
- 'Hear the call of the Kingdom' by Stuart Townend
- 'Build your Kingdom here' by Rend Collective
- 'All the people said Amen' by Matt Maher
- 'Brother' by The Brilliance
- 'Heal our land' by Kari Jobe
- 'Build my life' by Pat Barrett
- 'Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly (Micah 6:8)' by Pat Barrett
- 'The Greatest Commandment' by The Porter's Gate
- 'Teach us your ways' by The Porter's Gate