

JOURNEY WITH SURPRISING NEIGHBOURS

Unusual Neighbour

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WORDS OF WISDOM

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵... “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ... ²⁷“you shall love your God with all your heart ... strength ... and mind, and your neighbour as yourself.” ... And Jesus said, ³⁷You go and do likewise.”

Luke 10:25-37

The artwork of Kerry Holland

Spray Can Neighbour

The black spray-can graffiti line represents the outrageous hero of Jesus’s story of the Good Samaritan. The crochet lace texture represents Jesus’ voice. Kerry writes: I used the spray-can black line for the hero because I am aware that we get so annoyed by the spray can marks on fences and walls and think very bad thoughts about the graffiti artists; they are despised by many in society.

An extremely kind young man in a spray-can shop, who described his own work as spray-can art, gave me some much needed advice on the unfamiliar spray-can materials, encouraging me to practice and offering further help.

My neighbour is not far away, only beyond the boundaries that I choose to erect and is more available for communion than I might dare to expect.

Reflection

Questions

Who is the unusual person in my life?

What boundaries have I chosen to erect between me and them?

How might these boundaries be melted down?

What communion might then be possible?

Who is my neighbour?

We can receive this “ultimate, radical neighbour-love” as a gift from God because of what God did for us through Jesus. (Timothy Keller, 1984)

Prayer: LORD, give us eyes to see beyond the boundaries, to connect deeply, to be a neighbour reflecting You in the world.