



*The Good Samaritan: Justin O'Brien*

## Reflection

*After reading, watching and hearing about the Parable of the Good Samaritan, find a comfortable space, play the accompanying reflective music and consider the questions below.*

*You may wish to respond through personal reflection and prayer, in discussions with others, through writing, drawing or any other creative medium.*

There is great wisdom in coming to understand that at different times in your life, you may take on a different role in this story.

Sometimes you might be the kindly, benevolent Samaritan, ready, willing and able to assist whoever is in need.

At other times, you may be the priest or the Levite who pass by on the other side of the road.

There are also times when you, yourself may be the one in need of assistance; the one who has been set upon.

You may be the innkeeper, who readily obliges when asked to lend a hand.

Or, are there times in which you may even have been one of the robbers? Stripping someone of their dignity, brow-beating them into a compromised position, leaving them disempowered, disheartened or humiliated?

Consider how you respond when you find yourself in any one of these roles. Particularly when it is perhaps, not a role you might have chosen for yourself.

- \* **What questions does the parable raise for you?**
- \* **What is the parable asking of you in your life at the present time?**
- \* **How can you give witness to the message of the parable in your own time and place?**