

## Justice or Mercy

*by John E. Phelan Jr., p. 56*

### **Seeking Balance Between Rule-based Structure and Generous Empathy**

1. How do you observe the Sabbath?
2. What do you think Jesus meant when he said, “The Sabbath is for people, not people for the Sabbath”?
3. What laws or rules do you see that need to be set aside to allow for human flourishing?
4. At the end of the article, Phelan poses three questions outlining situations that need both justice and mercy. Which question do you find most difficult to answer?
5. Do you tend to be more justice-based or mercy-based in your decision-making?