

**Discussion Questions – Ministering to the Poor**  
**Selected Passages**  
**EFree Church, Diamond Bar**  
**May 29, 2016**

**Outline**

**Two Ways to Fulfill our Calling of Ministry to the Poor**

1. Minister to the poor because God first loved us.
2. Minister to the poor with wisdom.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Read Matthew 25:31-46. The surprise of the sheep in verse 37 shows us 1) that when we care for Christians who are poor, we are caring for Jesus, and 2) that God's love compels us to serve the poor. How does it feel to know that you are caring for Jesus when you serve Christians who are poor? Can you think of other Scriptures in the Bible that reveal the intimate connection between Christ and believers?
2. Read Deuteronomy 24:17-18 and 1 John 3:16-18. God tells the Israelites to care for the poor. This command is based on the fact that the Israelites were slaves when God redeemed them from Egypt. Likewise, God tells us to care for the poor, and this instruction is based on the fact that we were slaves to sin when He redeemed us. How is serving the poor because God redeemed us different than some of the common reasons that people serve the poor?
3. On Sunday, Luke said, "If all we do to help the poor is give them things, then we may not be helping them. We may be trapping them in poverty. Instead, God's Word calls us to minister to the poor with wisdom." How have you seen the poor ministered to wisely, and how have you seen them ministered to unwisely?
4. How do you currently fulfill your calling of ministry to the poor? Do you feel compelled by God's love to serve the poor in a new way?