



# A PEOPLE CALLED TO LOVE

## CHRISTIAN CHARITY IN NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY

### Justice and Charity with Dr. Joel Biermann

#### Study Questions:

- 1) How is “social responsibility” different from “social gospel”?
  
- 2) Dr. Biermann says that we should not think so much about Christ when we are doing our good works, but rather we should be thinking about our neighbor. What does he mean by that statement?
  
- 3) Does it surprise you that what we believe, teach, and confess as Lutherans about serving our neighbor is focused on our neighbor’s need rather than Christ? What does this focus mean for our evangelism efforts that focus on acts of service?
  
- 4) How does Dr. Biermann define “evangelism”?
  
- 5) How might a congregation decide which needs in the community they will seek to address?

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6) How do ideas of “justice” affect decisions concerning the types of programs in which a congregation chooses to engage?

7) How does understanding righteousness before God in Jesus Christ allow Christians more freedom in how they go about serving their neighbor?