



# A PEOPLE CALLED TO LOVE

## CHRISTIAN CHARITY IN NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY

### Interview with Congressman John Shimkus

#### Study Questions:

- 1) What is significant about Congressman Shimkus's belief that he is a representative because that is where God wants him to be? What does he mean that being a representative is his calling?
  
- 2) How does Congressman Shimkus see his service in the international arena as affecting the spread of the gospel?
  
- 3) How can pastors help those who serve in the kingdom of the left? What does this say about the importance of all Christians being faithful within their own vocation from God?
  
- 4) Are you surprised to hear Congressman Shimkus talk about the theological aspect to political debates in terms of secular humanism versus Christianity? Does Shimkus's viewpoint change your view of the role of Christians in government? Why or why not?

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5) How does Congressman Shimkus believe Christians should be involved in the political process?

6) Why does Congressman Shimkus believe it is important that churches not leave acts of charity solely to the government?

7) Why is it important for Christians to know their neighbors?