



# A PEOPLE CALLED TO LOVE

## CHRISTIAN CHARITY IN NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY

### **The Poor with Dr. Leopoldo Sánchez**

#### **Study Questions:**

- 1) How do Christians sometimes misunderstand or misuse Jesus's words that "the poor you will always have with you"? How should we understand Jesus's words?
  
- 2) What do some Christians mean when they say that God shows a "preferential option for the poor"?
  
- 3) What does Dr. Sánchez think is the danger associated with working with the poor when congregations engage only in occasional and sporadic efforts to relieve the needs of the poor?
  
- 4) What does Dr. Sánchez say is the importance of remembrance as it relates to work with the poor? In what ways might your congregation remember the poor?
  
- 5) What is the connection between the incarnation of Christ and what it means to say that Jesus was one of the poor?
  
- 6) What is Luther trying to teach us when he talks about remembering Christ as gift? What is he trying to teach us when he talks about remembering Christ as example?

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7) Why is idolatry so dangerous to our service toward the poor?

8) What does Dr. Sánchez say is a utilitarian attitude toward the poor? What does he say is romanticizing the poor? Why are neither of these attitudes a faithful Christian attitude toward the poor?

9) Why should Christians serve the poor? Should the poor be preferenced in any way? Why or why not?