

Sermon-based Growth Group Questions
Gathered In, Called Out: Gathered to Center Ourselves on God's Word
Called to Serve the Poor and Marginalized
October 22, 2023

Introductory Discussion: What from the sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling?

1. Think of a time when you had an overwhelming need. What could (or did) another person do to help you through it?
2. What are ways you could help those in need in your life today?
3. Can you change the world by yourself?
 - a. So, why do we bother?
 - b. How does your relationship with God help keep you from getting overwhelmed by the need around us?
4. Should you help the poor out of guilt?
 - a. What should be your motivation (1 John 3:16)?
5. According Matthew 25:34-40, how do we show God we love him?
6. Read the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37). How does that story define "neighbor"?
 - a. Does your giving cost you? Do you feel it?
7. In Luke 14:12-14, Jesus says to invite the poor, not the rich, to your party. What are the selfish reasons to invite the well-to-do?
 - a. What is the spiritual reason to invite those who don't benefit you?

8. What do we mean when we say, "you can't take it with you"?
 - a. What perspective should that give us about material wealth?
 - b. In what way does helping those in need mean we can "take it with us"?