

Series: Too Messy – “Love Your Neighbor”

Sermon: The Poor

February 14, 2016

1. Have you ever thought about going on a short -term mission trip? If so, why would you want to go?
2. Today's sermon focuses on the poor. Who do you think of when you hear people described as poor?
3. Does it surprise you that there are over 300 passages in the Bible regarding the poor? Why do you think there is so much advice about the poor?
4. Read proverbs 21:13, 28:27; James 2:14–17; 1 John 3:16–18.
5. "God's direction for Jesus' followers concerning the poor can be different depending on what kind of poor the person is." Does this statement from the sermon surprise you?
6. Do you believe that working hard is good and God-honoring? If so, should a Jesus follower retire?
7. Why would God call us to work hard and live simply? What does this have to do with the series, "Love Your Neighbor?"
8. Do you consider yourself a generous person? Why or why not?
9. Do you believe that you can hurt the poor when you try to help them? How could that happen?
10. From today's message, what is one way you have been encouraged to help the poor?