

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

October 16, 2018

- 1) Have you ever thought of sin as a debt?
- 2) How does the biblical and traditionally catholic understanding of poverty and almsgiving contrast with our modern views? How might you view the poor differently after tonight's talk?
- 3) What are the fears we might have in being generous to the poor?
- 4) How does almsgiving connect to our spiritual life in general? Why does God associate himself with the poor? Does this change the way you view your relationship with God?
- 5) What are concrete ways the Church's view on mercy and alms can change the way we live in today's world?

Meditation Verses

Proverbs 19:17 Whoever cares for the poor lends to the LORD, who will pay back the sum in full.

Proverbs 14:31 Those who oppress the poor revile their Maker, but those who are kind to the needy honor him.

Sirach 7:32 To the poor also extend your hand, that your blessing may be complete.

Sirach 29:2-3 Lend to your neighbor in his time of need, and pay back your neighbor in time. Keep your promise and be honest with him, and at all times you will find what you need.

