



# STUDY QUESTIONS FOR **NOVEMBER 17**

**Series: *You Belong Here***

**THOSE WHO SEE THE POOR** Belong Here (Luke 16:19-31)

## **Introduction**

1. Do you think people are usually generous or tightfisted towards the poor? Why?
2. Are more people likely to believe the Bible, or to believe someone who has come back from the dead? Why do you think so?

## **Digging Deeper**

3. Before reading, tell the story of the rich man and Lazarus with as much detail as you can recall. Then, **read Luke 16:19-31**. What parts did you remember best? What details had you forgotten?
4. **Read James 2:14-17**. Does a Christian who ignores the poor have a living faith? Can a church afford to ignore the poor? How *must* our faith be lived out to show life?
5. **Read 1 John 3:16-18**. What goods do you have? Whom do you see in need? How can you practice opening your heart to them today instead of closing it off?
6. **Read Galatians 2:7-10**. James, Peter (Cephas), and John all agreed with Paul in his ministry—but what was their last, urgent reminder in verse 10? Is that surprising?
7. **Read John 5:45-47**. Why is it that, if we read and believed the first five books of the Bible, we should also believe in Jesus? How does Moses point to faith in Him?
8. **Read Matthew 28:11-15 and John 12:10-11**. How do these short sections make us doubt that people will believe *just because* someone comes back from the dead?
9. What did you hear in the message this Sunday that stood out to you? Is there anything you would emphasize, add, or change?

## **Application**

10. When has your faith in Jesus led you to give your time, money, and material goods to people in need?
11. In thankfulness to God for all He has provided, and in trust that God will provide for your needs, how will you intentionally be generous to the poor around us—even as our personal spending goes up for Thanksgiving and Christmas?