

Lesson 3: Systematic Oppression of the Poor
Sermon Date: October 21
Text: Isaiah 10:1 - 4

1. Read Isaiah 10:1 – 4. To *whom* is the opening “woe” directed? Why do you suppose they established *unjust laws and decrees*? Why is it a grievous thing for such people to act this way toward our poor?

2. Verse 2 refers to the *rights* of the poor. What are these *rights*? (clue: review text from Lesson 1)

3. Why are *widows* and the *fatherless* called out specifically as representing our poor?

4. What is the message for us in verse 3 with respect to our actions and our wealth?

5. Verse 4 ends with a phrase that appears multiple times in the context of the larger passage (see Chapter 9: 12, 17, 21). What does this mean? What angers God?

6. What is Jesus’ view of the poor? Consider these passages, then summarize what you feel they are pointing to as a view toward our poor: Matt 11:5, 19:16 – 22, 26:6 – 11, Luke 14: 12 – 14, 21:1 – 4.

7. What is your position? What are we to do to protect and care for our poor?