



Rochester Diocese Lent Course 2015

Challenging Poverty



3: Friends of the poor

Notes for Leaders

Aims of the session

To be challenged as individuals and churches to become 'friends of the poor', not only in our local communities but also by engaging with God's 'big story' for all humanity. The study urges a step-change in our attitude to service and to helping the poor in our communities.

What you will need

- Bibles
- A set of course notes for each person
- The course DVD

Before the session

If possible, circulate the members' notes and background information ahead of your meeting so that people can be thinking about the issues and challenges before the session.

The session follows a sequence, but don't feel you must follow it rigidly. Feel free to select, adapt and concentrate on those sections most useful to your group. The session is intended to last about 1½ hours, so consider how long you want to spend on each section. Allow time for prayer and other activities at the end.

🗨️ denotes topics for discussion and the 📺 and 📖 symbols indicate things to watch or read as a group. All video clips are on the course DVD, with the exception of the song, 'Friend of the poor', which can be downloaded from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smxFGjFVP44>. When the notes refer you to the background information, ask one of the group members to read the relevant section.