

BEFRIEND

THE POOR



Why do people worship at CUB?
Where else do they feel welcome?



Born one-legged
How would your life be harder?



Born with 4 Aces
How is your life easier?

Poor towards the Poor

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to **proclaim good news to the poor.** He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,....
When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath.

Luke 4:18, 28

70%
Of those born into poverty never make it to the middle class.

200
Times less likely to go to college if born into poverty.

29%
Poverty rate in Waco, TX

Do I have to?

And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one **of the least of these** my brothers, you did it to me.’

Matthew 25:40

Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the **poor**, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”

Matthew 19:21

Socialism? No.

What does it look like to care for the poor? *Messy, Costly, & Inconvenient.*

⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. **Acts 2:44-45**



**FULL HANDS MUST BECOME
EMPTIER IN ORDER FOR
EMPTY HANDS TO BE FILLED.**

Why? Do Any of this?

“we are beggars, this is true.” - Martin Luther

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would your life be harder if born with one leg? What ‘aces’ have you been dealt? How is life easier born with the privileges you’ve had?
2. Who do you know who’s in need? (what are the signs?)
3. How might Jesus be calling you to help those born with one leg catch up to those born with two?

