

**LOVING**  
*generously*

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Most of us, if we're honest, have to acknowledge that the people we invite into our lives are the people who make us feel comfortable -- people a lot like ourselves. They may have different jobs and different personalities; but they tend to be similar to us in many other ways, like class and race and cultural background. Below are some questions that we invite you to think, pray over and discuss with your family or Journey Group this week.

*The kinds of people we invite into where we live, work and play may tell us a lot about the kinds of people we value. Let's each make a sober assessment. Over the last three months, whom have you invited into your home and into your life?*

*If we actually did what Jesus says, regularly inviting the least of these into our lives, what kind of effect might that have on us?*

### **FAMILY DISCUSSION**

God made everyone — even people who are very different from us. Over the last three months, who have you invited over to play and included in your conversations? Are your friends just like you — like the same things, dress the same way — or are they different?

### **CLOSING THOUGHTS**

We will discover that there is always an open seat at Jesus' banquet table. That open seat is waiting for us to invite someone new to sit next to us. That person might seem to have it all together — or might seem to have a mountain of issues and challenges — but he or she is out there, waiting for your invitation to the feast.

### **COMPASSION UNLEASHED**

*Here are a couple of ideas for how to love generously, but we encourage you to pray as a family or small group about how God might be inviting you to serve.*

- » Plan to do an act of kindness for someone you do not know (neighbor, schoolmate, co-worker, etc.)
- » Contact a non-profit organization to help them serve a meal to a family in need.
- » Invite someone over to your home for a meal.

Loving Generously is a five-week message series from Randy Pope. If you miss a week or would like to hear a message again you can listen or watch online at: [www.perimeter.org/messages](http://www.perimeter.org/messages)

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