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Generosity is not merely a matter of giving stuff. It's a matter of giving ourselves into relationships and loving generously the people God puts in our lives. Generosity is about serving everyone God puts in our lives - but we cannot serve them selflessly unless we love them, and we cannot love them truly unless we know them. We must tear down the walls that keep us from building meaningful relationships with "the least of these".

The neighbors express fears of people radically and economically different from themselves, as well as concern about a possible financial impact on their own lives. It's easy to be critical, but we all have our fears and biases. As you've reached out to people unlike yourself, what fears have you had to confront?

Re quotes Galatians 6:2 ("Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ"). The poor have financial burdens, but they also face relational and justice "walls". What are the kinds of burdens you bear? And how might others -even someone unexpected—help you bear them?

FAMILY DISCUSSION

One of the ways we can serve others is praying for them. Sometimes we can't make them feel better or change what is happening to them, but we can pray for them and God will provide exactly what they need. Take time each day to pray for the people that God has brought into your life.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Re says to "Love the unloved, the unloving, even the unlovable - for love awakens love and calls forth a community of mutual care and service". The profound need for community is intrinsic to human nature. God made us to give and receive love "one to another".

DO SOMETHING

Pick up a summer serving guide and make a plan to love generously this summer!

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