

1. Prayer:

## Sharing the Loaves and Fishes

Sharing the loaves and fishes,  
You gave us an image of solidarity with the hungry, O Lord.  
Sharing yourself in the bread and wine,  
You called all to the table, O Lord.  
Give me the hunger to be a part of the feeding  
And the healing of this world.  
Nourish me with your Grace,  
So I may work with joy to serve your children.  
Open my eyes and my heart  
To recognize those in poverty  
And increase my awareness  
Of the structures and systems  
That need to be changed  
So we may all break bread together.  
In your name we pray for the end of hunger.

- *Education for Justice*

2. Fast Fact:



To Learn More about Hunger Action Month:

<https://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-blog/7-ways-help-during-hunger-action-month>

<https://www.houstonfoodbank.org/upcomingevent/hunger-action-month/>

3. Topic: Module 6 of the Confronting Poverty Website:

How can we understand the root causes of poverty?

<https://confrontingpoverty.org/poverty-discussion-guide/how-can-we-understand-the-root-causes-of-poverty/>

-We discussed why there are so few good jobs, and so many low-wage jobs. Most corporations share profits with the stockholders not the stakeholders (employees). We're seeing a few examples of progress.

- a. One large company's CEO reduced his compensation for employees to receive salary increases.
- b. Some Restaurant Owners are starting to pay living wages to retain talent, and getting rid of the low hourly minimum and working for tips model.

-The module focused on causes of poverty being more directly related to lack of available opportunities than to attributes of the person (gender, race, education level) that might reduce their access to the opportunity. The module did not recommend how to create more opportunities, though we felt that things like the infrastructure bill would ultimately create more jobs.

4. Service: Nativity School Service Day Sep 11 9:00-11:30, Outdoor projects.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b48abad2aa3f58-sanfrancisco>

Should we move back to Saturday AM in person and should we meet in October or keep the every other month cadence? Decided to meet again in October. Saturday Oct 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM at the conference Ctr, with a zoon as well. Shawna to contact Sr Ceil to reserve.

Topics to discuss-

-How to get our pastors more involved in social justice issues and understanding what they feel the Church's role is in justice.

-Identify a speaker or topic to propose for Family Meeting about how to have discussions about divisive issues. It's sometimes difficult to achieve social justice if we don't know how to engage in uncomfortable conversations

5. 6:30 pm: Book Study: When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor . . . and Yourself by Steve Corbett . Discuss Introduction and Part 1, Ch.1.

Discussed authors' recommendation to follow Jesus' approach to spread the good news of the Kingdom through our deeds and to go beyond immediate 'relief' efforts. What should be the Church's role in addressing poverty was difficult for us to answer as we did not understand how involved our Pastors want to be in Social justice issues.

**Next Book Study for Oct 9<sup>th</sup> will cover Part 1: Chs 2 and 3 through Part 2: Chs 4-6.**