



September 26, 2021

Connecting the Dots . . . (after sermon discussion)

1. When do you most notice the poor around you? When do you most overlook the poor? Are you more bothered by the poor or by the conditions that contribute to their poverty?
2. How do you see yourself benefitting from your wealth even as others around you struggle in their poverty? Do you hear the cry of the poor around you?
3. What do you give more regularly to benefit the poor: money, time, or resources?

Digging Deeper Together (for further study during the week)

1. Nehemiah was alone in his anger, in his thoughts about the poor, and even in his standing up against the leaders of the people. Today, how do you respond to the commands of God and the urging of our Christian leaders who have been calling us to sacrificially help the poor? (Nehemiah 5:6-8, Galatians 2:10, 1 John 3:17)
2. How do we build the Kingdom of God with others sacrificially today in such a way that benefits the poor around us and even those far away from us? (Nehemiah 5:9-12, Leviticus 19:9-10, Deuteronomy 15:7-11, James 1:27)
3. As you give, are you giving with a resolve to help make change to their situation, or are you giving with a sense of guilt? Why should we give to benefit or help the poor? (Proverbs 14:31, Proverbs 19:17, Proverbs 21:13, Proverbs 28:27, Luke 12:33-34)



Each day of the week has a prayer reminder and an additional prayer topic

Daily Prayer Reminders

Sunday- Church Family- Don Crozier (kidneys and recovery), Marvin Flessner (leg), Mike Clements (rehab), Jackie Elliot (strength & healing), Wilbert Buhr (infection), Ranae Ault

Blessings for those who received food from the food distribution and God would bring peace and restoration to their lives.

Monday- Your Families- Sue Powell (colon cancer), Dean McMorris (pancreas), Mel Zech (cancer), Jim Remington (heart), Thomas Montgomery (lungs)

We would be a humble people and not let pride get in the way of what God wants to do through us.

Tuesday- Our Friends- Jennifer and Nora Forez, Linda Tiarks (cancer treatment), Tiffany Johnson (cancer treatment), Pastor Paul Nash

God would show us at least one person that we are to lead to Christ this year.

Wednesday- Our Servicemen and Women (see [newsletter](#) for list)

God would bring healing and encouragement to those with chronic pain in our midst.

Thursday- Persecuted church in Pakistan

May the Lord make our love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else.

Friday- Missionaries- [Josh and Ruthie Wagner, Sierra Leone, Lutheran Bible Translators](#)

We would be imitators of people who are great examples of immovable faith; those standing firm in the Lord.

Saturday- Churches- St. Lawrence, Penfield (Pastor Michael Menner)

May God strengthen our hearts so that we will be blameless and holy in His presence when our Lord Jesus comes again.

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