

UNACCEPTABLE TRUTH | WEEK #05

Poverty | June 30th

INTRODUCING UNACCEPTABLE TRUTH #3: POVERTY

Remember: Acceptable _____ often leads to unacceptable _____.

Poverty is _____ and _____.

The earliest peacemakers took _____ the mandate to care for the poor.
Isaiah 1:17. Mt. 25:33, Acts 2:44-45

_____, _____ and _____ transform poverty into financial and
physical flourishing.

_____ flourishes when poverty diminishes.

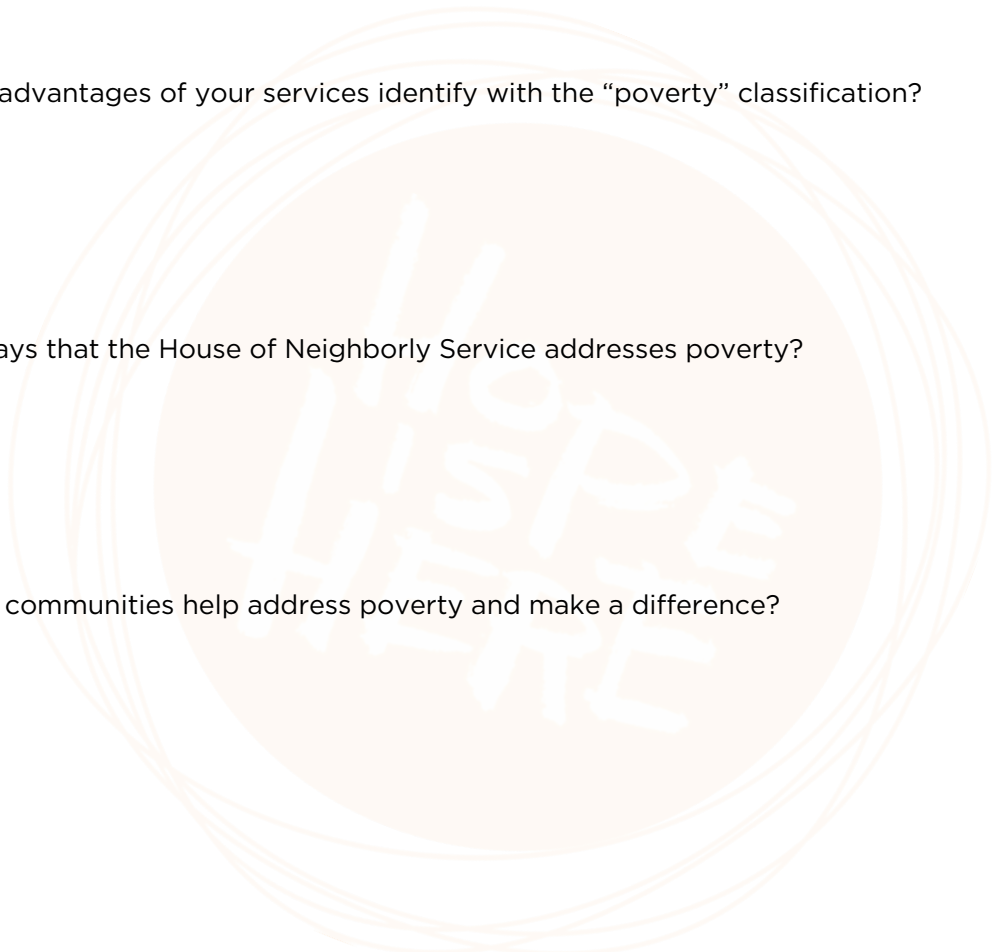
LET'S CHAT WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HOUSE OF NEIGHBORLY SERVICE, CHERRI HOULE

What changes have you seen regarding poverty in the last 3-5 years?

Do the people that take advantages of your services identify with the "poverty" classification?

What are some of the ways that the House of Neighborly Service addresses poverty?

How can individuals and communities help address poverty and make a difference?



WHAT IS GOD INVITING YOU INTO TODAY?

1. Watch Mia Birdsong's TED Talk, "The story we tell about poverty isn't true"
2. Write letters to your Representatives
3. I will donate my treasure to rewrite these unacceptable truths

THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTIONS:

1. How can we redefine wealth and prosperity in a way that prioritizes equitable distribution and sustainable development?
2. What role does personal responsibility play in addressing poverty, and how can we balance it with systemic injustices and barriers?
3. In what ways can our faith communities challenge economic systems that perpetuate poverty and inequality while advocating for structural change?
4. How can we integrate the principles of justice, compassion, and stewardship into our efforts to alleviate poverty on both local and global scales?
5. How might our understanding of charity versus justice influence the strategies we choose to support communities in overcoming poverty, and how can we ensure our actions are empowering rather than perpetuating dependency?