

THE SERVICEBERRY: DISCUSSION

BELONGING



pg. 77:

“Scientific evidence is mounting that mutualism and cooperation also play a major role in evolution and enhance ecological well-being, especially in changing environments.

This week we’ve talked about reciprocity and the gift economy. How might mutualism and cooperation be impactful in your community? Is there a project your church could do that would benefit the church and the community?

SHARING



Page 78:

“What if scarcity is just a cultural construct, a fiction that fences us off from a better life?”

Dr. Kimmerer asks a great question – what would the world look like if we believed in abundance over scarcity?

RECIPROCITY



Page 81:

“To assign a market value to a gift, destroys the gift.”

This quote from Lewis Hyde is an important one about gifts. Often times we struggle to receive a gift from someone because it is “too much” or it makes us uncomfortable. Why is it important to receive gifts without assigning value?

BURNOUT



This week we looked a bit at the topic of burnout and human giver syndrome, specifically when we do too much for too long.

What are ways that the gift economy can help push back against burnout?