**Big Questions**

1. What motivates us to act in the world?
2. How do communities have a voice?
3. How should we respond to people and communities in need?
4. Why do we serve?
5. What does it mean to have a “calling”?
6. What do I hope my work accomplishes?
7. What is the value of work for me? For my community?

**Opening Exercise/Activity**

With both of the options below, the activity can be done first individually where each participant takes some time to reflect individually and then it can stop here or be shared in a pair or shared in the larger group.

*Option 1*

If you could show the public one thing about the people your service supports, what would it be?

*Option 2*

What motivated you to join you AmeriCorps program? What keeps you motivated to continue the work? What challenges you?

**Clarification Questions**

1. What motivates Marc’s action? What do you think he gets out of serving others?
2. Though Marc chose his work, he says of God: “He forces me into a situation, knowing that it’s gonna change me, knowing that I can never come back where I once was.” Can you relate in some way to Marc’s feeling?
3. How does Marc’s past help him serve the homeless? Do you think his past can also represent a hindrance to his service?
4. Marc says that he realized his audience believes his stories to be real because his videos are “raw” and “unedited.” Do you feel like your work is "raw" and "unedited"? Why or why not?
5. Marc’s mission is to render visible the reality of homeless people. How can you share with the public the importance of the work accomplished by your organization and your AmeriCorps program?
6. What are the images that stick out to you in Horvath's video?
7. What methods does Horvath use to get people talking?
8. Why do you think Horvath characterizes the homeless or people in poverty as an invisible people?
9. What keeps Horvath motivated to keep doing his work?

**Significance and Implication Questions**

1. What does the question, “If not you, then who?” mean to you? What if you serve in collaboration with many others -- is this still the right question?
2. Do you believe in having “a calling”? Is the sentiment of having a calling a necessary condition for someone to succeed in the service sector?
3. What is your calling?
4. Do you have a calling? If yes, what is it? If not, why not?
5. Do you believe a vocation is something one must have from the start or is something one acquires over time? How has it been for you?
6. How do we gain access to other people's stories, particularly those that we serve?
7. How much, if anything, needs to be shared in order to identify with another human being?
8. What keeps you motivated to keep doing the work that you do?
9. What motivates people to act in the world?
10. Is homelessness or poverty an issue people don’t want to talk about?
11. Are people who are homeless or in poverty visible or invisible?
12. What can help move homelessness or poverty to a more talked about and acted on subject?
13. What factors contribute to homelessness or poverty? What causes it?
14. What do we need to “scream out loud” about?
15. In what ways do we need to change the stories of homelessness or people in poverty?

**Closing Exercise/Activity**

The below 3 options can be done 1) individually only; or 2) individually and then share in a pair, small group or large group:

*Option 1*

What is 1 thing you hope your year of service accomplishes – 1) for the community you serve; 2) for the organization you serve in; and 3) for you?

*Option 2*

What story would you like to share with others?