

ASSIMILATION:

- 1) FROM GUEST TO FAMILY
- 2) FROM ATTENDING TO BELONGING

DISCIPLESHIP:

- 1) LEARNING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS
- 2) GROWING TOGETHER THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS

Proverbs 13:20 (MSG) *"Become wise by walking with the wise; hang out with fools and watch your life fall to pieces."*

TYPES OF POVERTY

1) MATERIAL

2) SPIRITUAL

YOU CAN BE RICH IN POSSESSIONS BUT BANKRUPT IN PURPOSE WHEN YOU LIVE WITHOUT GOD

3) RELATIONAL

INDEPENDENCE MIGHT IMPRESS PEOPLE, BUT DEPENDENCE ON CHRIST WILL IMPACT ETERNITY.

NOTES: _____

WHY ARE SO MANY PEOPLE RELATIONALLY POOR?

1) INCREASED MOVEMENT

"IT'S HARD TO BUILD LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS WHEN YOU NEVER STAY LONG ENOUGH TO UNPACK YOUR HEART."

2) MODERN CONVENIENCES

3) THE RISE OF TECHNOLOGY

- YOU MIGHT BE ONE COMMUNITY AWAY, FROM CHANGING THE COURSE OF YOUR DESTINY

ACTS 2:42-47 (NLV) *"They were faithful in listening to the teaching of the missionaries. They worshiped and prayed and ate the Lord's supper together. Many powerful works were done by the missionaries. Surprise and fear came on them all. All those who put their trust in Christ were together and shared what they owned. As anyone had need, they sold what they owned and shared with everyone. Day after day they went to the house of God together. In their houses they ate their food together. Their hearts were happy. They gave thanks to God and all the people respected them. The Lord added to the group each day those who were being saved from the punishment of sin."*

THREE QUALITIES OF GREAT CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

1) WE NEED REFRIGERATOR RIGHTS

ACTS 2:44 *"All those who put their trust in Christ were together and shared what they owned."*

2) REALIZE WE'RE ALL FLAWED

ROMANS 15:7 *"Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory."*

THE PROOF OF DISCIPLESHIP ISN'T JUST IN WHAT YOU KNOW, IT'S IN HOW YOU LOVE.

3) UNDERSTAND WE FIGHT BATTLES TOGETHER

1 PETER 5:8 *"Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour."*

JOHN 13:35 *"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."*

COMMUNITY ISN'T OPTIONAL — IT'S ESSENTIAL.