

Poverty is Everywhere

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When we talk about poverty, we need to change our definition of what it is. It's not just about the amount of money we have. Poverty can be found in all different things – our spiritual lives, our physical lives, even our emotional lives. Poverty is literally everywhere.

Poverty really refers to something we are lacking, something that needs to be filled. Poverty, simply put, is somewhere we need help.

QUESTIONS:

1. Based on that definition, what areas would you say you experience poverty the most in your life? (1.Spiritual 2.Emotional 3. Relational)

Spiritual: We can find ourselves here a lot. Especially when the world gets hard and the mountaintop experiences of faith seem so far away.

Emotional: Sometimes we experience poverty the most in our mental state. When things around us start to feel overwhelming, it can seem like our emotional health is lacking.

Relational: Maybe we're doing with unhealthy relationships or lack of relationships in general. Life can be hard without a solid community surrounding us. One of the coolest stories in the Bible is when

Jesus feeds the 5,000 in John 6. In this story we see how God had a plan and provided food to meet the crowd's needs. When we find ourselves in poverty, do we trust that God will take care of our needs according to His plan?

2. Once we begin to see poverty everywhere, how could that change the way that we treat people?
3. Are there areas in your life where you feel you have plenty while others are in poverty?
4. What are some areas where you could ask others for help where you need help?
5. What are some examples of ways you could come alongside your friends? Family? Strangers?
6. What are some examples of ways others could come alongside you to help?

