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FOR LIFE**

# POVERTY IS A REALITY

Session Five: Before the Trip

**HOST**

MATERIALS AND HANDOUTS

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### **Goal**

- ✦ The host group will communicate how they would like to work with the STM team.

### **Prepare**

- ✦ Read through Session 5.
- ✦ Watch the Session 5 Video and determine if it is relevant to show to your community.
- ✦ Make copies of Session 5 Handouts.
- ✦ Ask your STM team for a list of requests so you can be praying for them.

### **Materials**

- ✦ Handouts for Session 5 (paper or electronic)
- ✦ Video for Session 5
- ✦ Computer or projector for watching videos
- ✦ Newsprint or white board and markers
- ✦ Pens and pencils
- ✦ Bible

## OPEN

Time: 10 minutes

Hang a sheet of newsprint or white board on the wall. At the top of the sheet print the words **POVERTY IS. . .** Invite group members to visit the sheet and jot down their thoughts about poverty—either through words or pictures.

Spend time praying about types of poverty the people in your community face. Also spend time praying about types of poverty those in the STM team face; whether that be material, spiritual, or relational areas of poverty.

## EXPLORE

Time: 20 minutes

Watch the Session 5 Video (optional).

Handout 5.3 offers a Scriptural study. Take time to do this with your group.

## CONNECT

Time: 20 minutes

Go through Handout 5.1 together to prepare for the STM team to do the most effective ministry possible while they are with us.

## CLOSE

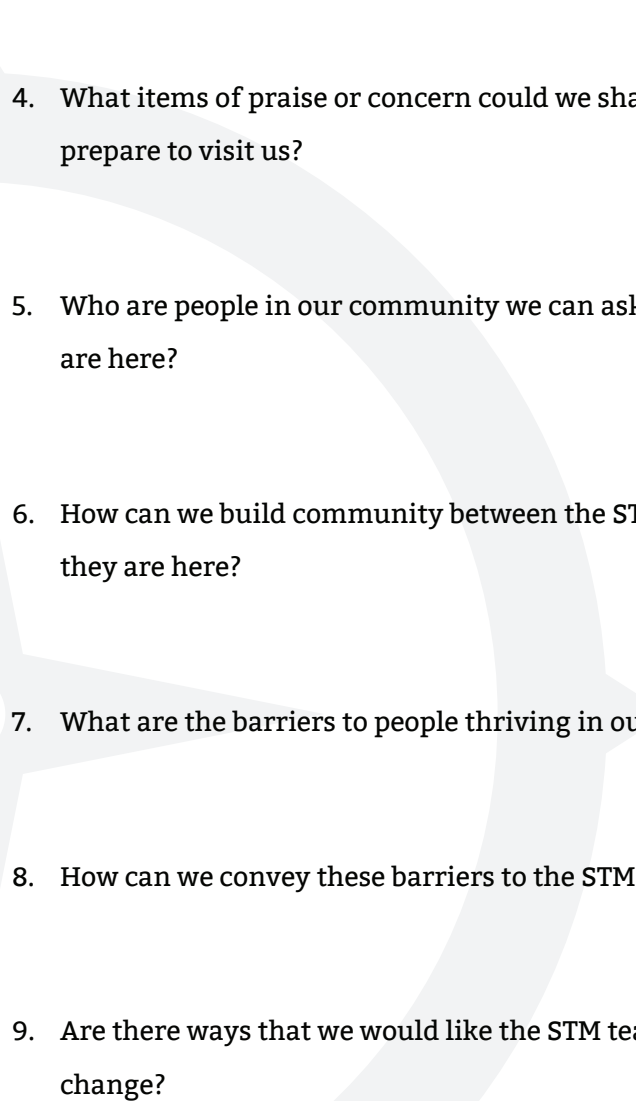
Time: 10 minutes

Pray that both the STM team and your community would continue to grow in understanding of the challenges that you each face as well as the challenges faced by the greater global world.

Pray through Handout 5.2 that lists the prayer requests of your STM team.

## HANDOUT SESSION 5.1

### Partnership Ideas of the Host Location

1. What are our greatest spiritual, relational and material needs?
  2. What resources do we have in our community to meet these needs?
  3. How can the STM team work with us to meet our needs?
  4. What items of praise or concern could we share with the STM team as prayer requests as they prepare to visit us?
  5. Who are people in our community we can ask to welcome and guide the STM team while they are here?
  6. How can we build community between the STM team and members of our community while they are here?
  7. What are the barriers to people thriving in our community?
  8. How can we convey these barriers to the STM team?
  9. Are there ways that we would like the STM team to work with us to advocate for lasting change?
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# HANDOUT SESSIONS 5.2

## Prayer Requests

Specific requests for your STM team

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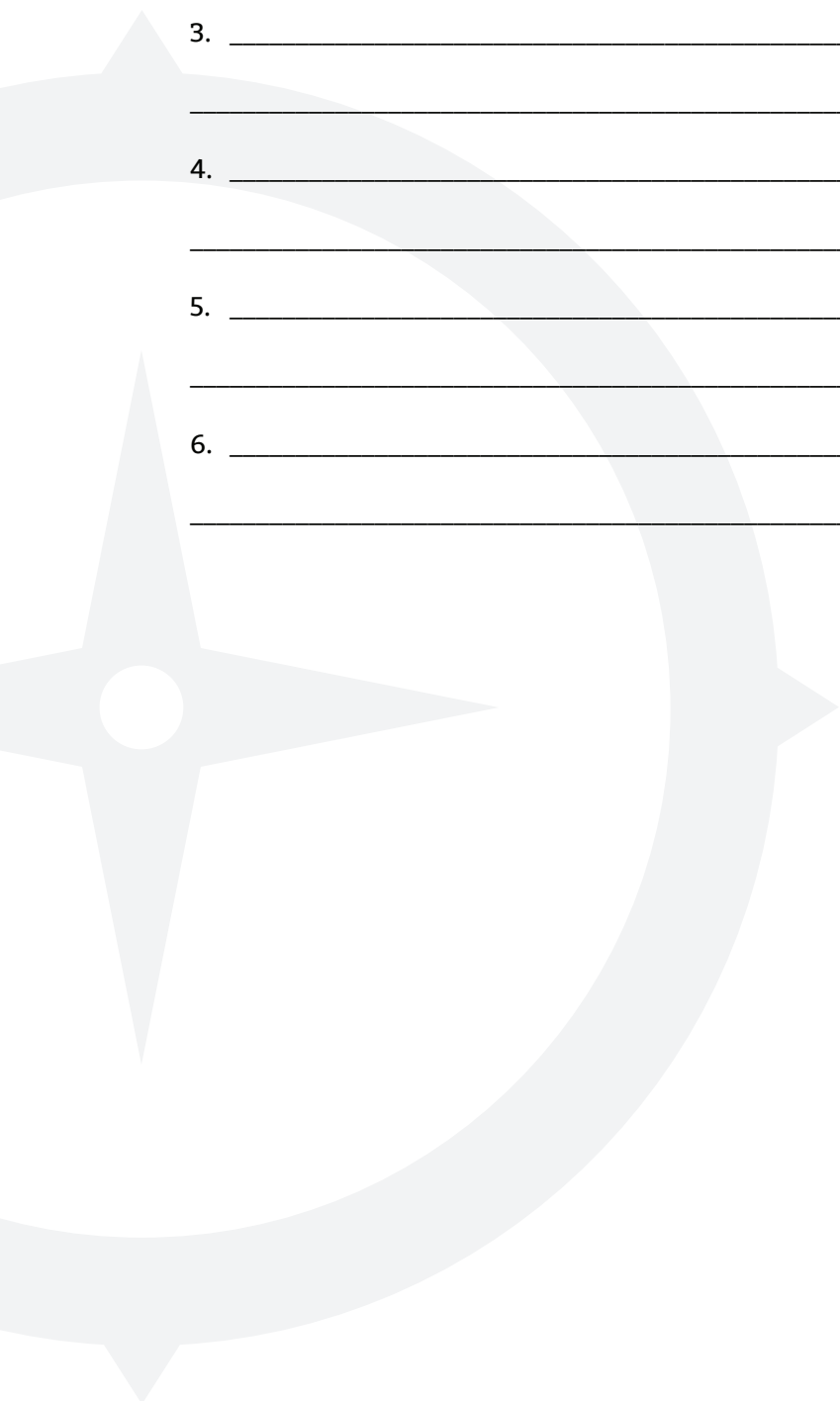
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## HANDOUT SESSION 5.3

### Further Study of Bible Verses

Leviticus 26:6

Micah 6:8

Luke 10:25-37

Malachi 2:5

Matthew 23:23

Luke 14:12-14

Isaiah 54:10

Matthew 25:31-40

Luke 16:19-31

Jeremiah 22:3

Luke 4:16-24

Luke 19:1-10

Amos 5:21-24

Luke 6:20-26

Acts 2:42-47

Select 5-10 of the following passages to read as a team. What do these passages tell us about

a) God's heart?

b) How can these passages inform how we relate to our STM team while they are with us?

