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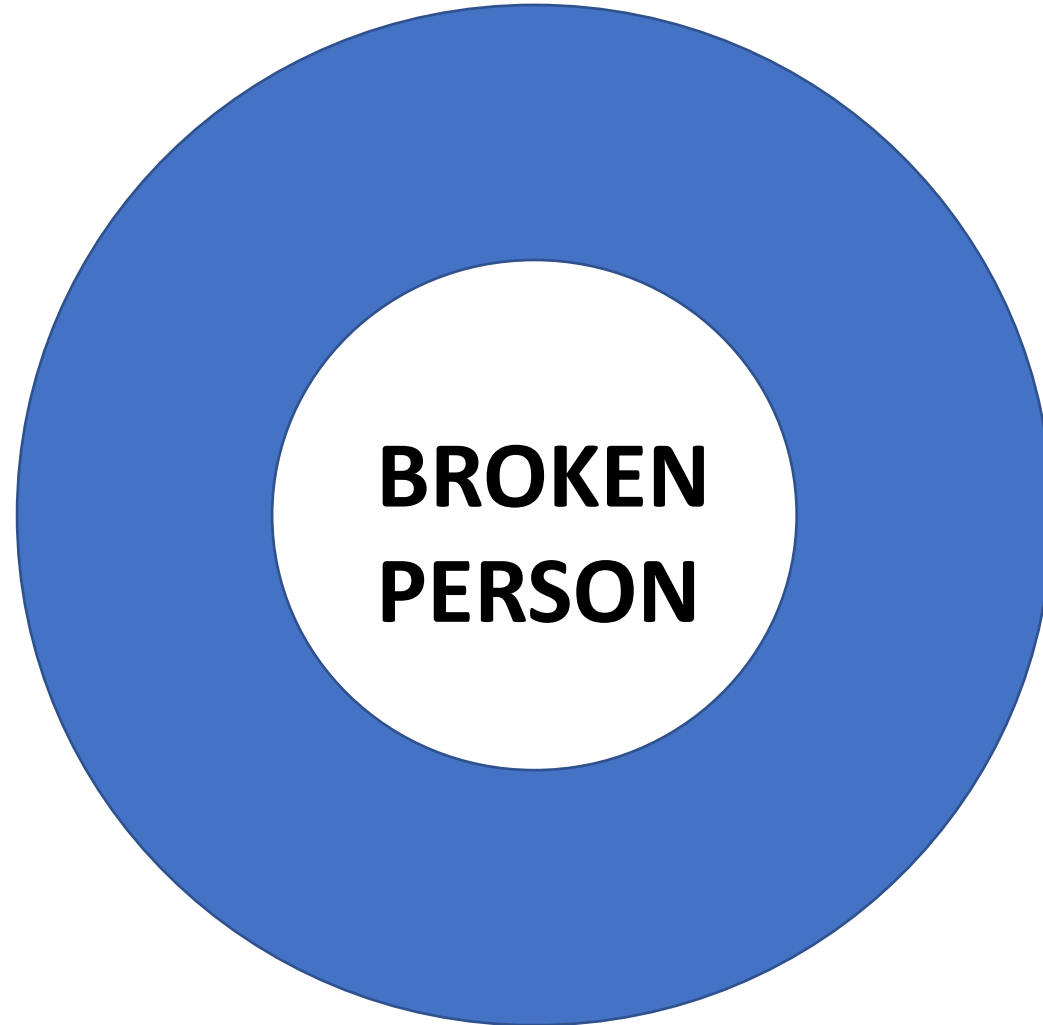
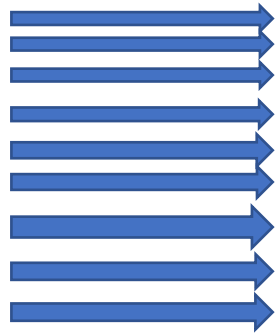
**DEVELOPING LEADERS IN
UNLIKELY
PLACES**



**FROM
MINISTRY
TO
COMMUNITY**

LOTS OF NEGATIVE
INFLUENCES

.... **REDUCE THESE**



VERY FEW / NO POSITIVE
INFLUENCES

..... **INCREASE THESE**



**BE AWARE:
POVERTY IS:
*ENDEMIC
* PERVASIVE
IN LIFE
CONDITIONS
AND IN
MINDSETS.**

STATS SA: 3 BASIC POVERTY LEVELS -2023

32 mill are chronically poor

UPPER BAND

R1558 pm - 13.8 mill

LOWER BAND

R1058 pm – 14.5 mill

FOOD POVERTY LEVEL

R760 pm – 3.7 mill

COMMUNITY (GROUP PROCESS)

IS KEY

- Aim to establish GOD'S Kingdom values within their general community
- They are usually people who are rejected, despised, hidden and forgotten
- You may be their first contact from anyone who genuinely cares about them

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REACH THEM IN THEIR *FAMILY *COMMUNITY *AFFINITY

- Begin with the community setting as it is / their existing environment / their home
 - What will their transformed community / home look like
 - What will it take to transform it
 - What are the pressures on them and from the people that keep them addicted and enslaved
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SERVE THEM IN THEIR:

- *FAMILY
- *COMMUNITY
- *AFFINITY

- You want their whole family / group to move towards Jesus
 - Identify the Person Of Peace
 - Guide him / her with peer group to make several mini-decisions that will move them towards Jesus.
 - Aim for group not the individual
 - Don't ask them to sever relations with their old peers BUT
 - Balance with the need the person may have e.g a need for separated rehabilitation.
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DISCIPLE THEM IN THEIR COMMUNITY

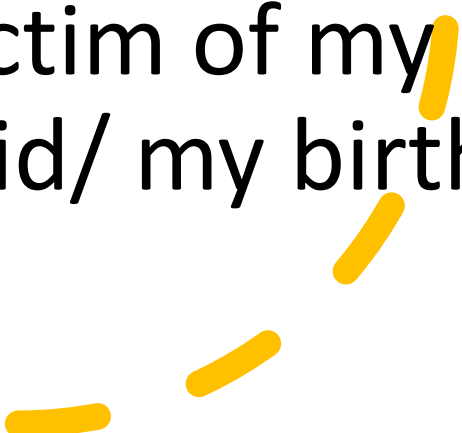
- Offer a new alternative for the whole group to experience together
- Grow as a group into a new self-image and awareness of God
- Not performance or appearance orientated
- No longer thinking that others can change but it's impossible for him /her
- Small group provides accountability which is vital for any new habit to be established

DISCIPLE THEM IN THEIR COMMUNITY

- Provide safe environment to fall or to fail
- Teach them how to positively respond to failures
- Not a theoretical thing – “walk” with them through the process
- Teach to get along with other kinds of people while they walk this journey together
- It takes time – even up to 4 years (don't expect to change a thinking pattern in 1 year)
- But God often shows up in miraculous life changing ways.

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TEACH THEM TO SERVE IN THEIR COMMUNITY

- From the outset build in an expectation that they will SHARE what they learn with someone else AND pay it forward.
 - Harness the huge power of the testimony of a transformed life
 - Neutralise the spirit that says to him / her that “I am a victim of my circumstances / apartheid/ my birth status”.
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TEACH THEM TO SERVE IN THEIR COMMUNITY

- Job Creation must be part of the restoration / economic sustainability process.
- What have you got in your hands – get them to think about and recognise their unique God given, natural assets, gifts, abilities.
- Even if they are unemployed and poor – they have time in their hands – how will they use this time.
- Groups can do business together – this can become a ministry platform.

SEND THEM OUT INTO THEIR COMMUNITY

Teach them that they are not:

- ...fully transformed until they have reproduced their transformed life
-fully restored until they have helped someone else be restored
-truly delivered until they have helped someone else be delivered
- Give smaller, then increasing measurable assignments so he / she can learn to succeed and get to know what succeeding and achievement feels like!