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THE KINGDOM OF GOD

A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO MINISTRY

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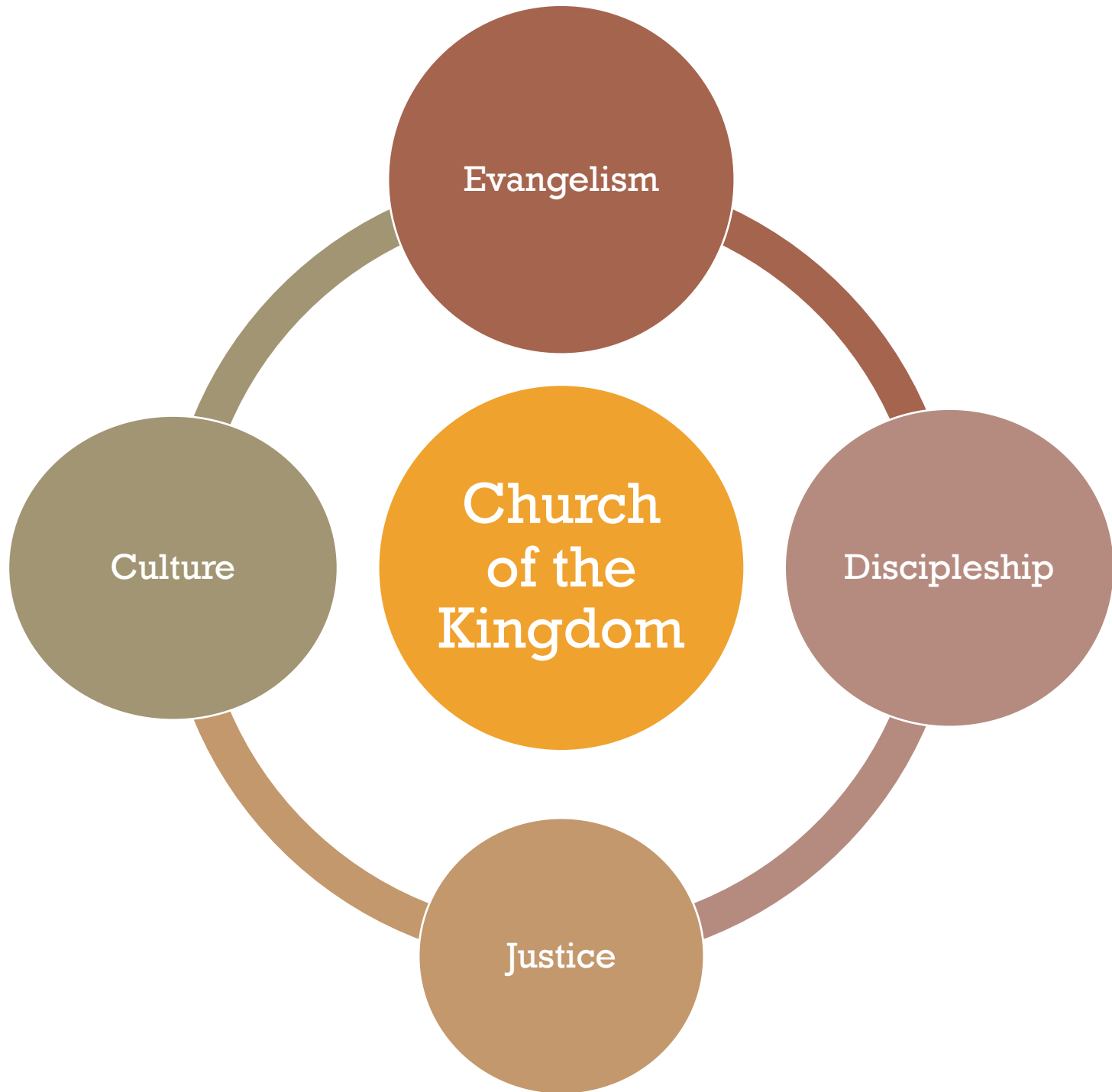
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THE CHURCH OF THE KINGDOM

The Missional Church





Christ Against Culture

- Counter Cultural



Christ of Culture

- Liberal



Christ Above Culture

- Church of the State



Christ & Church Paradox

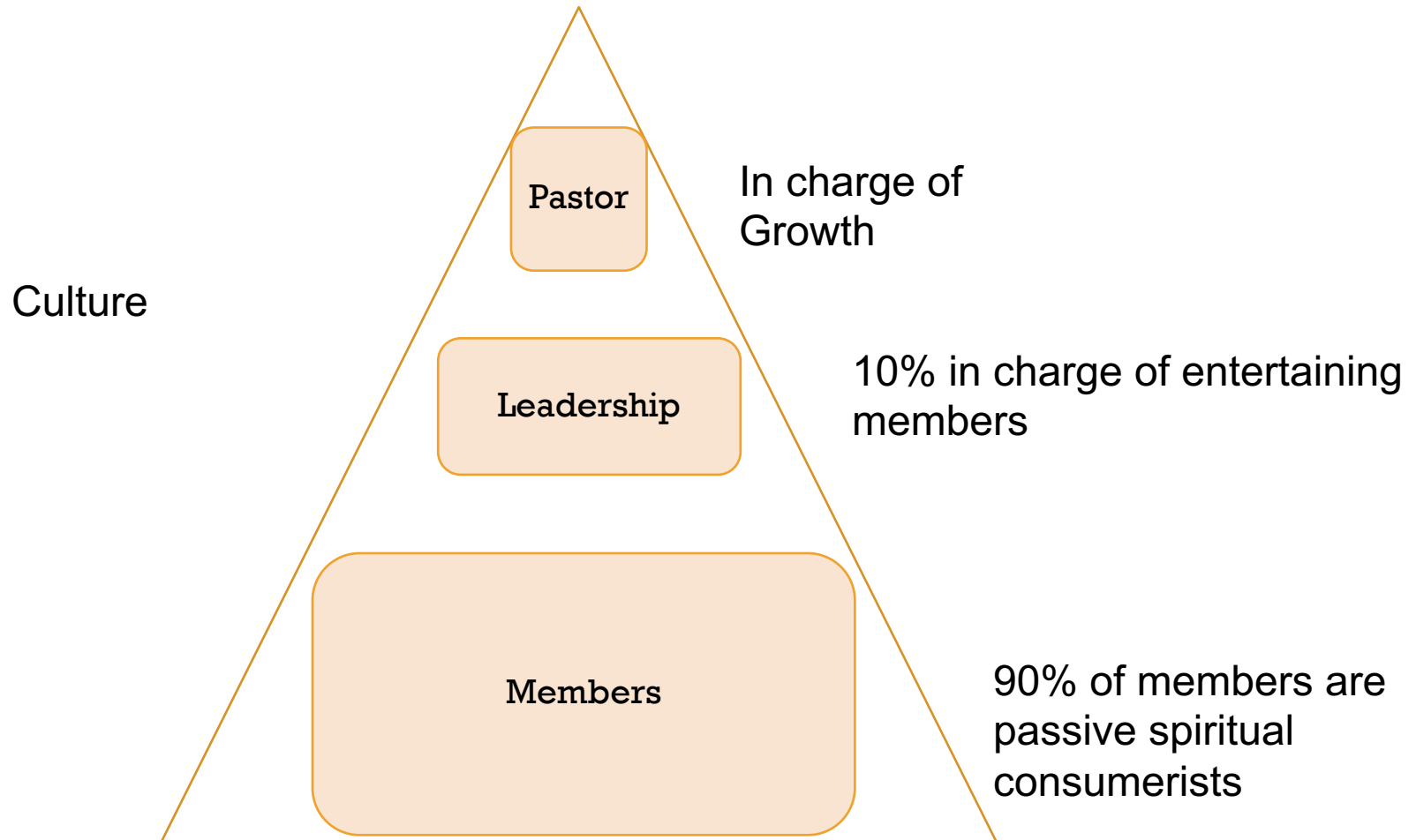
Dualistic (Separation of the Sacred & Secular)



Christ Transforming Culture

The Missional Church

TRADITIONAL ATTRACTIONAL MODEL



This model worked under a Christianized America.

THE ATTRACTIONAL CHURCH & ITS INCLINATIONS

1

- Maintenance Oriented
- Operates inside the church

2

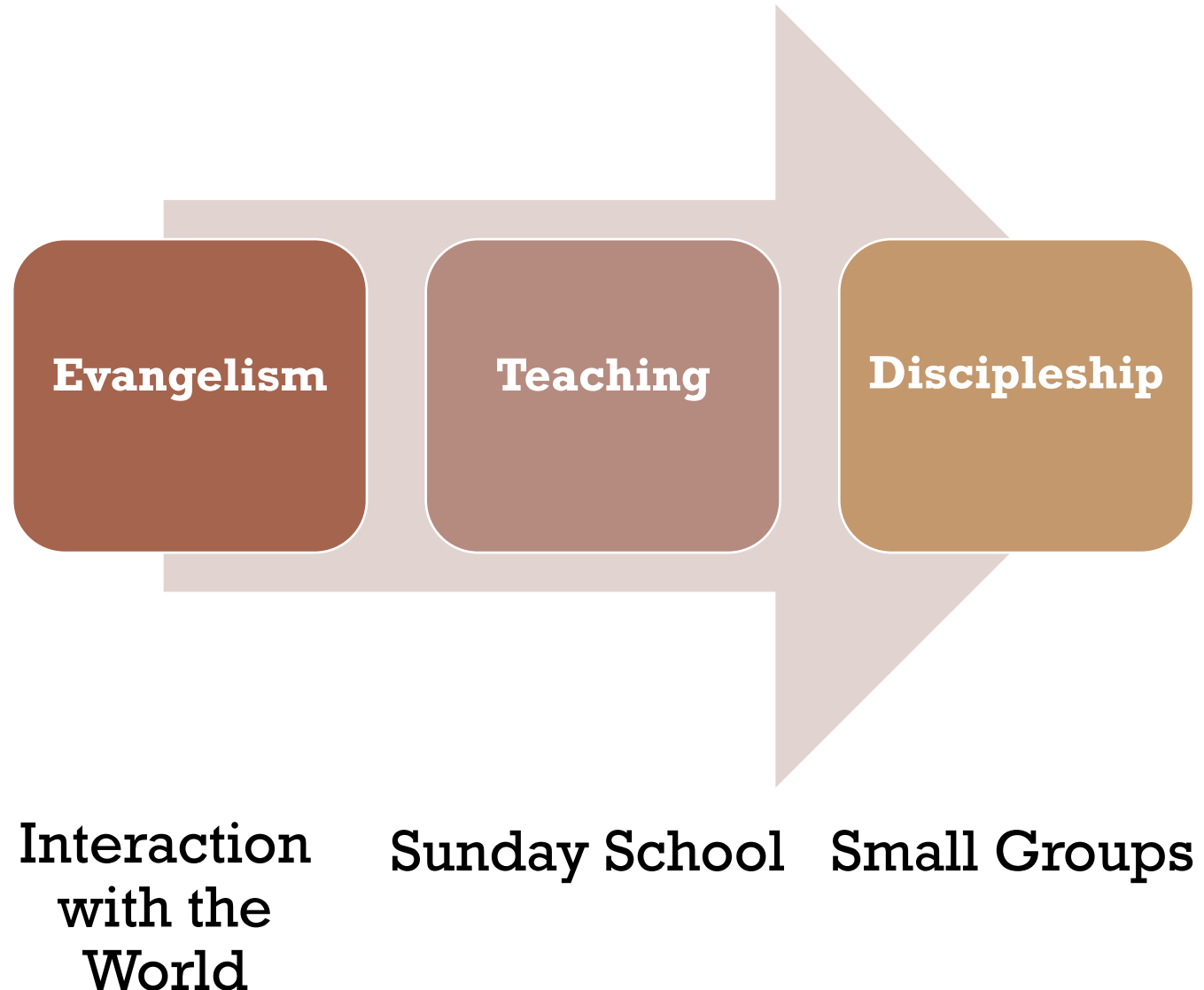
- Teaching, worship
- Program Oriented

3

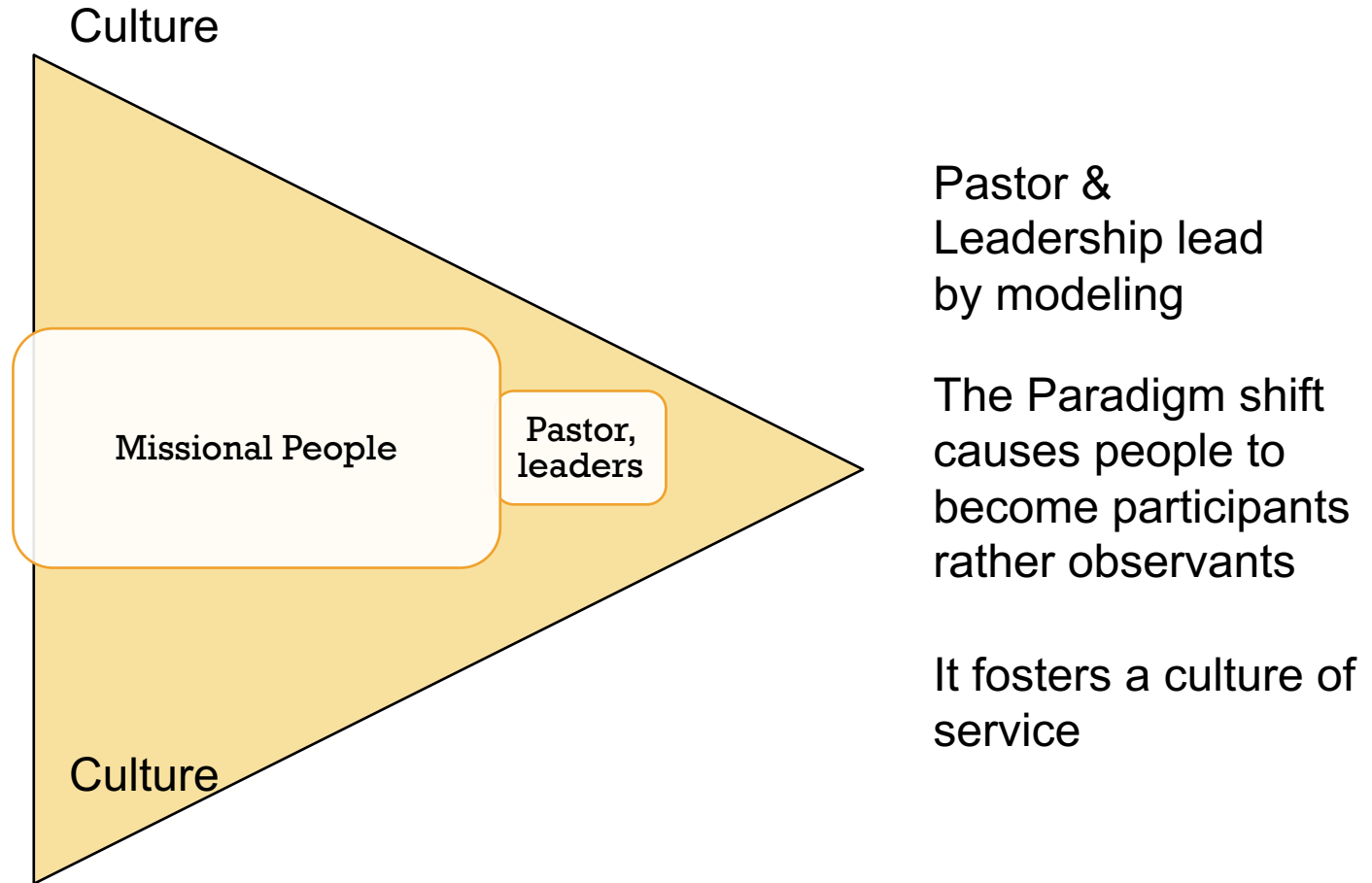
- Emphasis on Status Quo
- Emphasis in the 99 Sheep

THE ATTRACTIVE MODEL OF DISCIPLESHIP

- It requires a long time
- Information Based
- Very few finish the process



THE INCARNATIONAL MODEL



THE CHURCH OF THE KINGDOM

1

- Proclaims the Word, Equips the disciples, Outreach Oriented
- They mostly operate outside the Church

2

- Ministers to the poor, the needy and the broken
- Releases disciples for praxis

3

- Is the link between Heaven and the community
- Emphasis in the lost sheep



THE MISSIONAL CHURCH: THE 50%-50% STRUCTURE MODEL

➤ Paul was a missionary who planted churches that require maintenance

➤ Both ministries are needed in the body of Christ



Maintenance

➤ Check your annual budget

➤ What % is assigned to missions?

- Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,

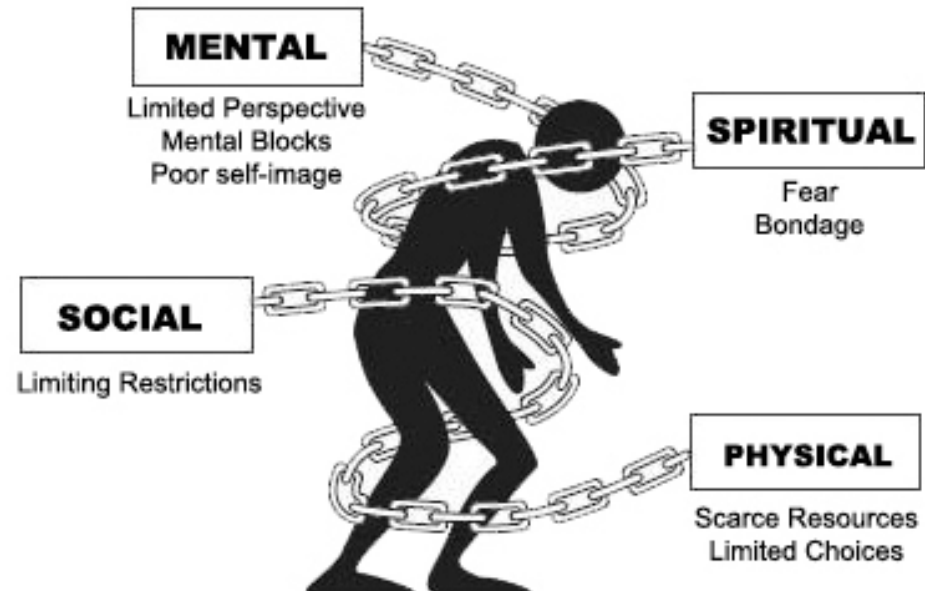


Figure 4-10: Poverty as a lack of freedom to grow.
(After Jayakaran 1996, 14) Bryant L. Myers (2011-11-09).
Walking With The Poor: Principles and Practices of Transformational Development
(Revised and Expanded Edition) (Kindle Location 3182).

Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil 1 Jn. 3:8

Hunger

Poverty

Addictions

Sickness

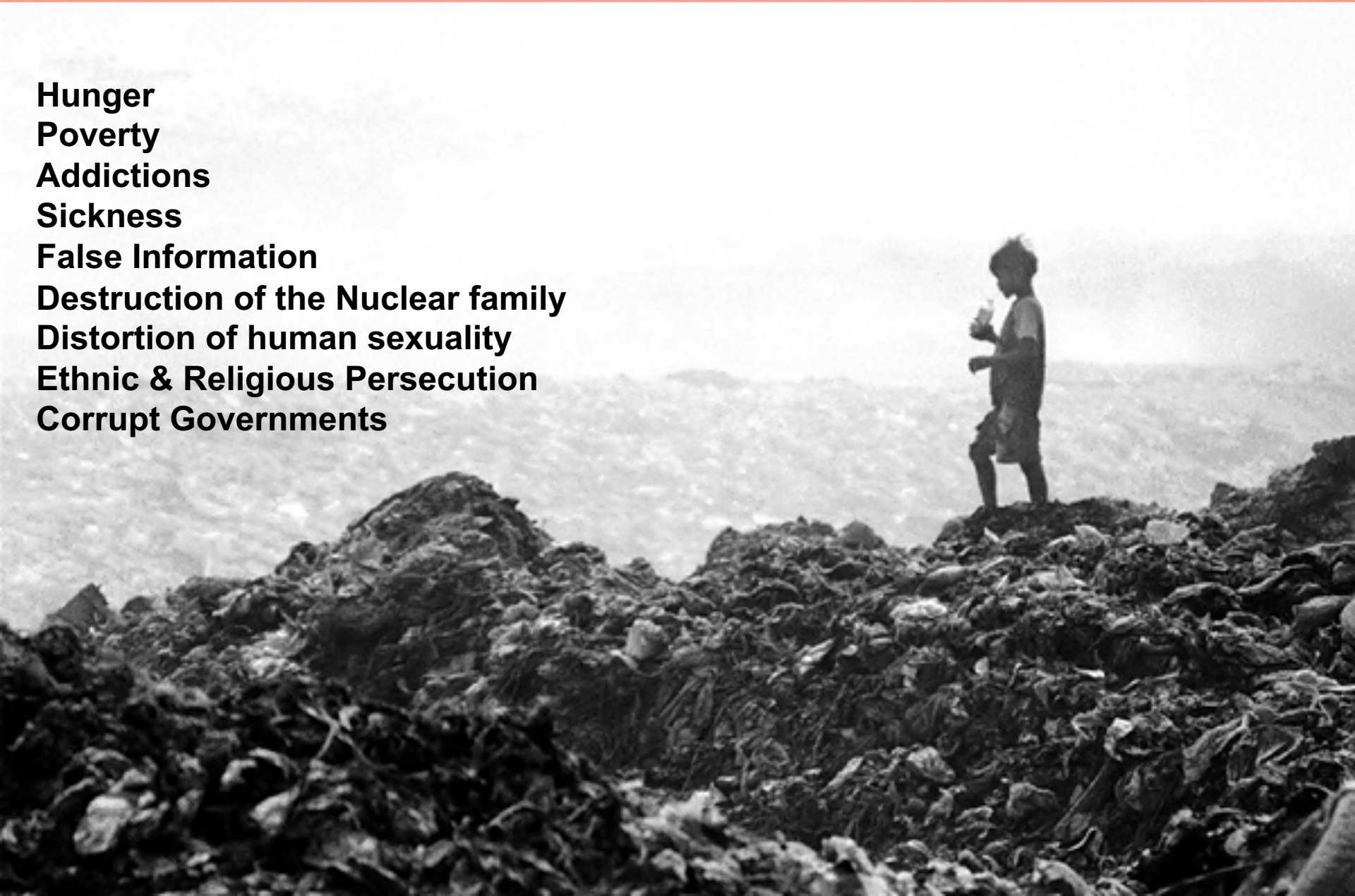
False Information

Destruction of the Nuclear family

Distortion of human sexuality

Ethnic & Religious Persecution

Corrupt Governments



HOW TO HELP THE NEEDY

| <div>METHOD</div> <div>FOCUS</div> | Outside Help | Help from Within |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Structures | Economic Growth | Political Liberation |
| Needs | Relief | Development |



| Vision | Training | Passion | Volunteers | Accountability | Progress |
|--------|----------|---------|------------|----------------|-------------|
| X | X | X | X | X | 👍 |
| | X | X | X | | Confusion |
| X | | X | X | X | Anxiety |
| X | X | | X | | Slow |
| X | X | X | | | Frustration |
| X | X | X | X | | Mix |

RELEVANT BOOKS

1. *Barefoot Church: Serving the least in a consumer culture* by Brandon Hatmaker
2. *The Forgotten Ways Handbook* by Alan Hirsch
3. *The Gospel of the Kingdom* by George Eldon Ladd
4. *Models of the Kingdom* by Howard A. Snyder
5. **The Open Secret* by Leslie Newbigin
6. **Transforming Mission, Paradigm shifts in Theology of Mission* by David Bosch
7. *The Gathered & Scattered Church* by Hugh Hultner & Matt Smay
8. *Sacrilege* by Hugh Halter
9. *Kingdom Come* by Allen Mitsuo Wakabayashi
10. *John Wesley's social Ethics, Praxis & Principles* by Manfred Marquard
11. **Center Church* by Timothy Keller
12. **Christ & Culture* by Richard Niebuhr
13. *If Christ is the Answer where are the questions?* By Tom Skinner