

INTRO

- Who was your best friend(s) growing up? Do you still keep in contact?
- Have you ever been a part of serving the poor? If so, share your experience.

To advance the kingdom of God at this moment it will take:

**DEEPER RELATIONSHIPS
PRACTICAL MINISTRY**

READ

“Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other.” John 13:34-35
The Message Version

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. – Jesus

Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. 1 Peter 2:12

REFLECT & RESPOND

Deeper relationship requires:

- More consistency
- More intimacy
- More long term

Qu: How would you rate the quality of your relationships/friendships at this time?

Qu: How well do you open up your heart to your friends?

Qu: How well do you speak into your friend’s lives?

“Many people have expressed feeling alone. Perhaps part of our feelings of loneliness were there before the pandemic, we just had enough activity and superficial relationships to mask it.”

Qu: Do you agree or disagree with the previous statement? Explain why.

PRACTICAL MINISTRY – demonstrating the Kingdom by good works

Qu: Do you feel the church in Canada at this time is known for its good works?

Qu: In what ways do you think you could be more involved in serving the poor and/or other marginalized people?

Qu: What are some ways as a church we could be more involved?

PRAY

- Pray for wisdom on how to deepen our relationships
- Pray for the poor and needy in our community
- Pray for the Ukraine and that God will show us more ways to help