



# Do you want to experience more vitality and abundance in your church?

*“Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.”*

*Jeremiah 29:7*

## C O S T O F P O V E R T Y E X P E R I E N C E

The church is co-missioned by God to bring healing to wounded lives, restoration to broken systems and relationships, and economic security where there is hardship. However, so often churches in America struggle to support families impacted by poverty in ways that are relational, holistic and lasting.

The Cost of Poverty Experience (COPE) is a 3 hour experiential training that is designed to give participants a glimpse into the lives of low-income persons living in your community and participating in your ministries.

**COPE is a tool that can move your church to:**

- 1** Deepen its understanding and urgency around poverty in America
- 2** Develop practices that have more lasting impact on poverty
- 3** Engage in meaningful ways to bring about restoration to your community



# Sample COPE Agenda

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<b>2:00 - 2:05</b>	<b>Arrival/ Seating</b>	<b>5 Mins</b>
<b>2:05 - 2:25</b>	<b>Instructions for COPE</b>	<b>20 Mins</b>
<b>2:25 - 3:40</b>	<b>COPE Simulation</b>	<b>75 Mins</b>
<b>3:40 - 5:00</b>	<b>COPE Debrief &amp; Next Steps</b>	<b>80 Mins</b>

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**Total Time: 3 Hours**

**For more information on hosting a COPE in your church/ district:**

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