**HOPEWELL MAJOR MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY**

* **This is a hypothetical scenario—yet with our real gifts and understanding of the functions of those gifts considered.**
* **This would be a "Church-wide Vision Cast". Meaning that it involves every member and every gift, in varying degrees and manifestations.**
* **THE TARGET:** MINISTRY TO COMMUNITY YOUTH
* **THE SCENARIO:**  There are 130 young people in the community where we are. They are already involved in a secular community program that is offered here. While that program does what it can, it still does not get the opportunity to establish relationships with the young people as it desires. Many needs are going unmet, and even unknown to those serving these young people. Notice the demographics of the issues they are facing:
* **40** of them are dealing with traumatic pasts and experiences currently having an overwhelmingly negative impact on their well-being. While they are living at home.
* **12** of them are entangled in the judicial system (already having made unwise choices)
* **41** young people have admitted to having suicidal thoughts. They also admit they feel they have no purpose in life. Also feelings of loneliness and depression abound.
* **33** of them are under the age of 12—and would be home by themselves during the summer months—and during the fall and spring break.
* **55** of these young people have expressed an interest in coming to church, or attending some faith-building function, but they do not have transportation.
* **15** have admitted to doing illegal drugs and/or drinking alcohol.
* **21** admit to being sexually active.
* **10** youth are currently homeless and are disconnected from family.
* **30** of them are having major issues in school; including reading below grade level and having discipline issues.
* **60** of these precious young people have never UNDERSTOOD what the Christian Faith is all about.

**STRATEGIZING ACCORDING TO/IN AGREEMENT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

1. See the needs on this list. I want you to go beyond the natural manifestation of clothing and food and shelter. They do need those things yes. But there is more.
2. Connect with those in your gift group. I want you to spend some minutes in prayer first—internalize the need.
3. Share ideas on some objectives you know would glorify God as outcomes in these individuals' lives. Even inside the church, as we prepare to meet these persons and their needs. (BODY BUILT UP—BODY REACHING OUT)
4. Discuss how you see the gifts God has given to the fellowship, and particularly your own gifts, affects the issues listed directly. (DIFFERENCE MAKERS)
5. Know that this is where vision and planning and strategy truly take shape! Know that this is indeed one of many scenarios we could be imagining at any given time in the life of the church. Inside and outside.
* Leadership
* Administration
* Teaching
* Wisdom
* Knowledge
* Helps
* Mercy
* Prophecy
* Service
* Miracles and Healing
* Exhortation
* Office Gifts (Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastor-Teachers)
* Tongues and Interpretation of Tongues
* Discerning of Spirits