

A close-up, high-angle shot of a vinyl record spinning on a turntable. The record is in motion, creating a blurred effect. The turntable's tonearm and stylus are visible, resting on the record. The background shows the turntable's control panel with various knobs and sliders. The word "Vintage" is written across the center of the image in a large, white, cursive font with a black outline.

Vintage



Recap

UCC has three values

word, worship, community



Recap

WORD

learning

living

serving

WORSHIP

singing

COMMUNITY

calling

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Recap

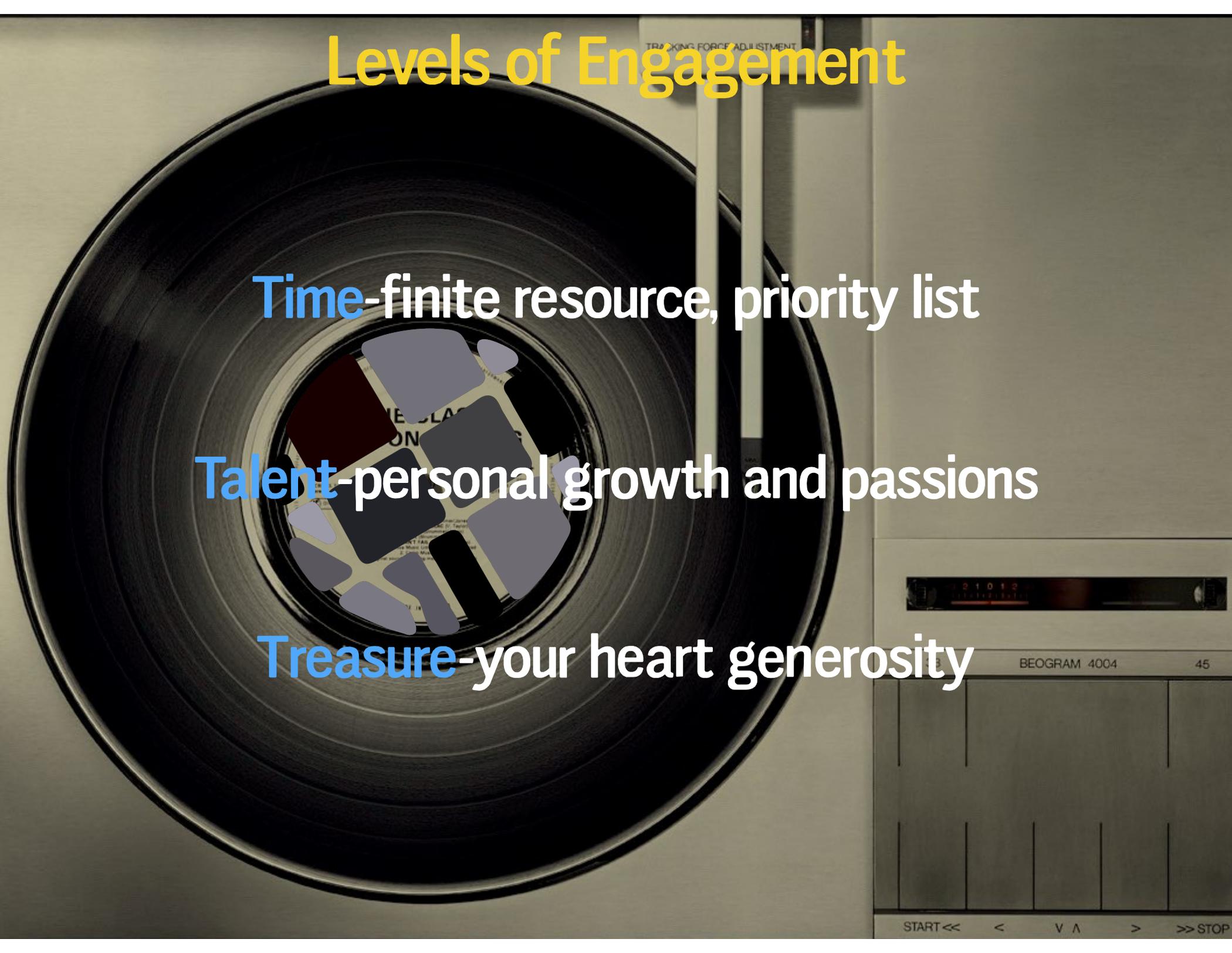
The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. Above all, **love each other deeply**, because love covers over a multitude of sins. **Offer hospitality** to one another without grumbling. **Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others**, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. **To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever.** Amen. **1 Peter 4:7-12**

Levels of Engagement

Time-finite resource, priority list

Talent-personal growth and passions

Treasure-your heart generosity





Levels of Engagement

TRACKING FORCE ADJUSTMENT

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Small Church

The average group size among modern hunter-gatherer societies (where there was accurate census data) was 148.4 individuals

Company size in professional armies, Dunbar found, was also remarkably close to a hundred and fifty, from the Roman Empire to sixteenth-century Spain to the twentieth-century Soviet Union

Dunbar's number isn't exact. It ranges from 120-190

Dunbar's Number

Small Church

Dunbar says that, "relationships involved across very big units then **become very casual** — and don't have that **deep meaning** and sense of **obligation** and **reciprocity** that you have with your close friends."

After 200, social bonds break down



Every day they continued to meet together in the **temple courts**. They broke bread in their **homes** and ate together with glad and sincere hearts **Acts 2:46**

A vinyl record is spinning on a turntable. The record's center label is partially obscured by a semi-transparent map of a city, likely Temple Courts. The map shows several blocks and buildings in various shades of blue and purple. The turntable's tonearm and tracking force adjustment knob are visible at the top. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**Temple Courts-Large Gathering
(120-190)**

**Home Gathering-Small Gathering
(8-20)**

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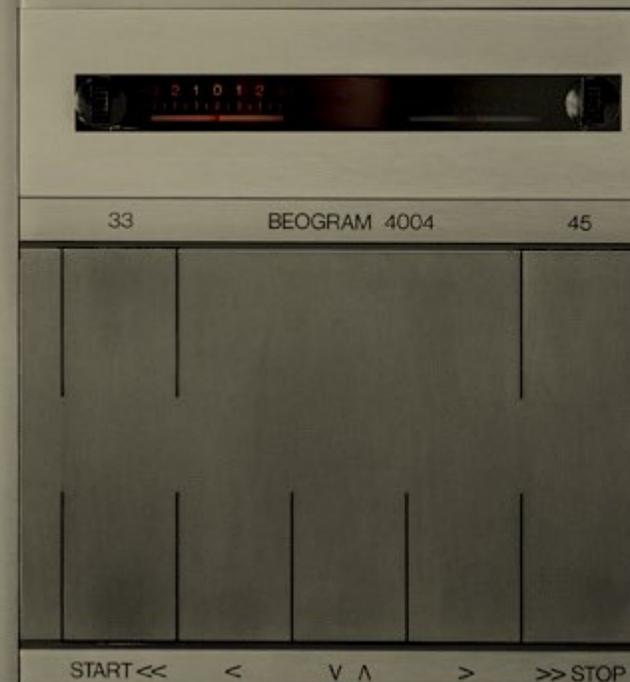
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Smaller Churches Advantages, Brandon O'Brien

SMALL CHURCH, BIG IMPACT

Brandon O'Brien



Small Church is...

Authentic

Lean and Focused

People Powered

Intergenerational

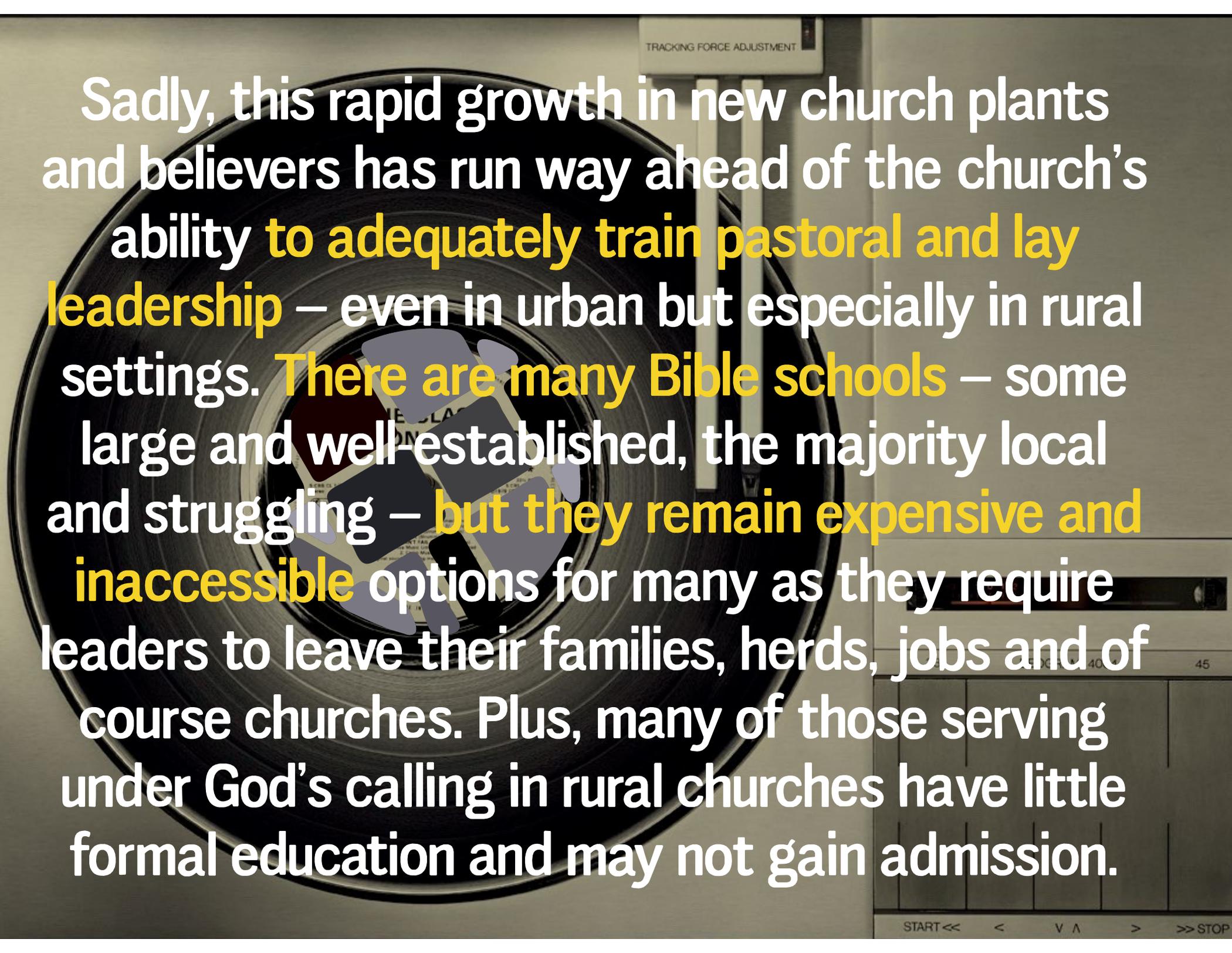




LISTEN TO LEARN
INTERNATIONAL

It is said, by Africans and non-Africans alike, that the church in Africa today is a mile wide and an inch deep.

There were 9 million Christians in Africa in 1900, 180 million in 2000— and Patrick Johnstone in The Future of the Global Church (2011) projects **1.3 billion Christians in Africa by 2050**. **Four out of every ten** Christians in the world will live in sub-Saharan Africa in 2050



Sadly, this rapid growth in new church plants and believers has run way ahead of the church's ability to adequately train pastoral and lay leadership – even in urban but especially in rural settings. There are many Bible schools – some large and well-established, the majority local and struggling – but they remain expensive and inaccessible options for many as they require leaders to leave their families, herds, jobs and of course churches. Plus, many of those serving under God's calling in rural churches have little formal education and may not gain admission.

L2L and UCC

UCC will sponsor and LBI (leadership bible institute) in a community in a sub saharan Africa area

An LBI takes 2 years for the students to go through the curriculum

We will send a team to the LBI (summer 2017) to meet the students and learn their stories.

The team will also do any necessary work in the LBI community that is approved by the on the ground coordinator

L2L and UCC

The cost of an LBI is approximately \$4000 (for two years)

The average enrolment in an LBI is between 20-30 men and women



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1 Corinthians 4

Therefore, since through God's mercy we have **this ministry**, we do not lose heart. **vs 1**

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made **his light shine in our hearts** to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. **vs 6**

1 Corinthians 4

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this **all-surpassing power is from God and not from us**. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. **So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.**

vs 7-12