

## Jeff Newton

### Loving Neighbors: Addressing Poverty in Urban Communities

**Abstract:** Participants will focus on strategies that are useful to professionals and churches and organizations as they partner in addressing the issue of poverty. Understanding the culture of poverty and ways to help without hurting can transform individuals, families and communities to become self-sustaining.

**Learning Objectives:** After completing this training, participants will be able to:

- better understand the culture, causes, and way out of generational poverty.
- articulate at least three strategies of helping those in poverty.
- discern ways to partner with churches and organizations to address the issue.

#### Basic Outline:

- Understanding the culture of poverty (50 minutes)
- Strategy One: Listening with ears and eyes (30 minutes)
- Strategy Two: Asset Based Community Development (helping those in poverty discover hidden assets. Making the invisible visible.) (30 minutes)
- Strategy Three: Seeking Shalom (30 minutes)
- Creating partnerships (30 minutes)
- Break (15 minutes)

**Level:** Beginner/Intermediate

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