

# The Racial Wealth Gap

LEARNING SIMULATION

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BREAD FOR THE WORLD

# Today's Roadmap!

- Who is Bread for the World?
- Who is in the room?
- Scope of hunger and poverty in America
- Let's Play!
- Large group discussion

# Who is Bread for the World?

**Bread for the World** is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad by 2030. By changing policies, programs, and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist, we provide help and opportunity far beyond the communities in which we live.



# Who is in the room?

- ▶ (Q) What line of work is everyone involved in?
- ▶ (Q) Are you familiar with the racial wealth or income gap?

# What's the Scope?

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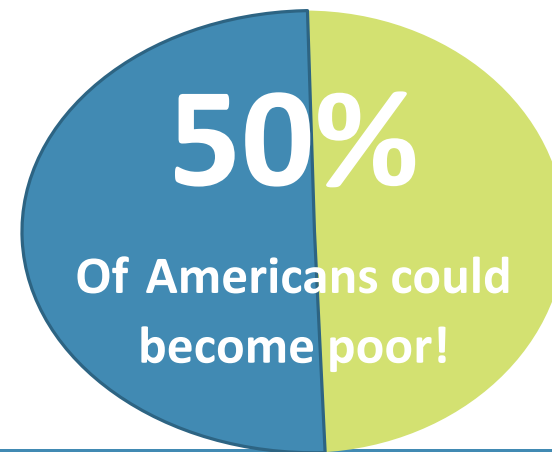
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½ of American households

would face poverty if they lost a job or fell sick.



# What's the scope?

Communities of color are more likely to face all three!

They are **2X** as likely to:

- Experience ***hunger***
- Live ***below the poverty line***
- Be one pay check away from ***becoming poor***

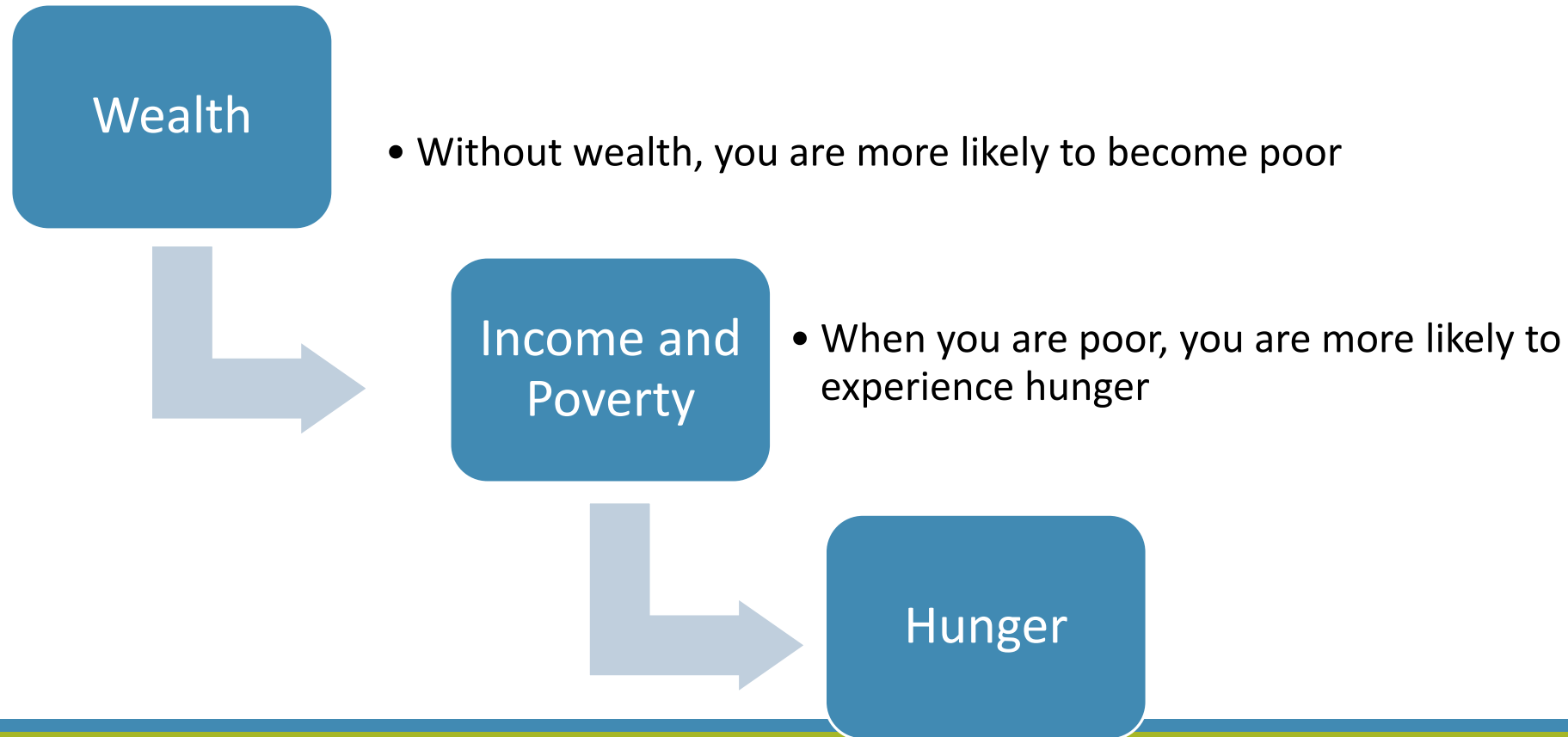
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**BUT WHY????**

**The Racial Wealth and  
Income Divide!!**



# Why this workshop?

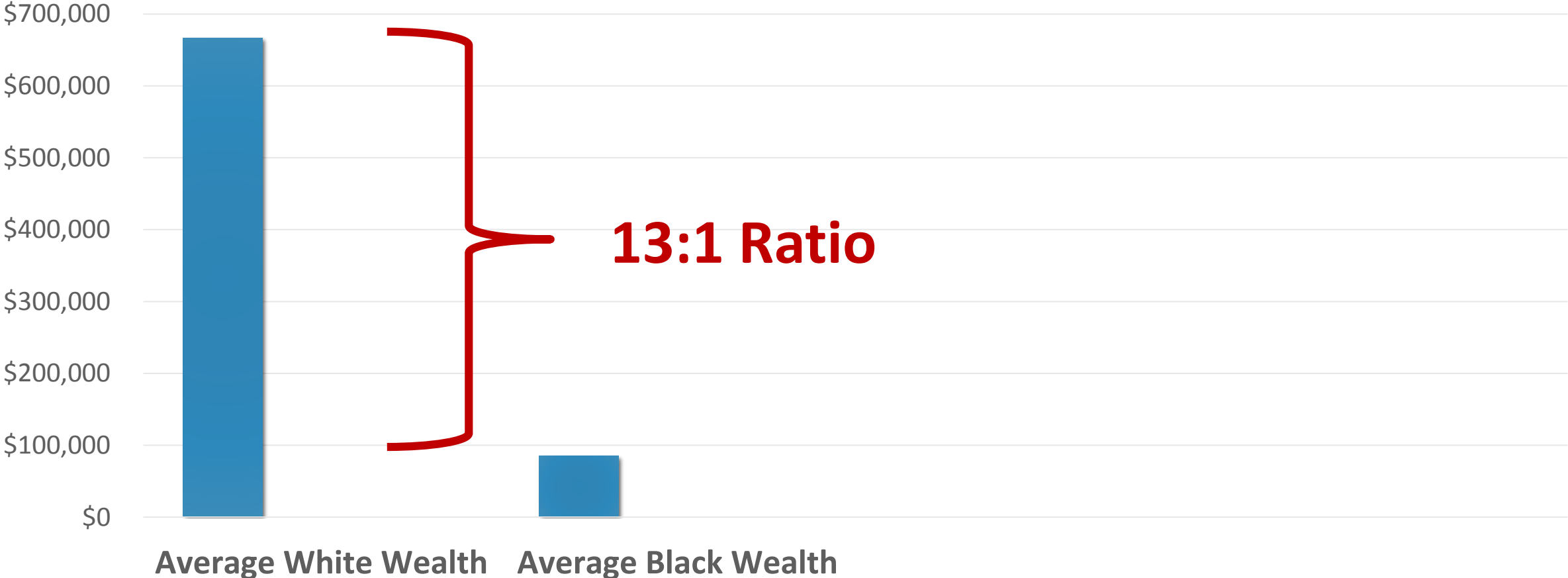


# Simulation Goals!

*Gain a better understanding of the racial wealth, income and hunger gap, so that we can.....*

- Discuss within your organization and congregation
- Incorporate this lens into your daily work, life, and worship
- Feel more comfortable explaining the importance of including race when speaking about ending hunger.

# The Racial Wealth Gap!



# Large Group Discussion!

1. What ***did you learn*** that you didn't know before?
2. How do you see the racial wealth and income gap play out ***in your own communities*** at home?
3. ***How does this impact your work*** to end hunger in your community?
4. ***How can you incorporate*** these learnings into your daily work?

# Policy Solutions!

## Hunger

- Strengthen safety net programs (food, nutrition, healthcare, housing)
- Strengthen and expand EITC and CTC credits
- Redesign criminal justice and its restrictions (i.e. in work, housing, safety net, voting)

## Poverty

- Investigate racial inequality in all sectors
- Design policies to achieve “racial equity”
- Implement a racial income audit federally and in each state

## Wealth

- **Low-Income:** VITA, Child Savings, Ind. Development Accounts
- **Middle Income:** Homeownership & entrepreneurship supports/less student debt
- **All:** Racial Wealth Audit to estimate wealth promotion in federal/state policy

# Thank you!

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