

How does the church's understanding of the kingdom influence its ministry model?

How does it influence the way that church both understands and practices mission?



The Kingdom of God is the rule and reign of God on earth as it is in heaven, bringing healing and wholeness.



Luke 4:18 - 19

Isaiah 61:1-2

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

The Year of the Lord's Favor

The Spirit of the Sovereign
Lord is on me, because the
Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to
the poor.

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,

"Your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you."

Isaiah 35:4



"To correct a situation of abuse and unjust use of force requires both freedom for the victims and punishment of the guilty. So it is here."

Watts, J. D. W. *Isaiah 34–66* (2005), p. 873



"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

John 3:17



"If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day."

John 12:47-48

The Delay in Judgement:

 Motivates kingdom-minded Jesus followers to proclaim the Good News to the world (Matt. 24:14; 28:18-20)

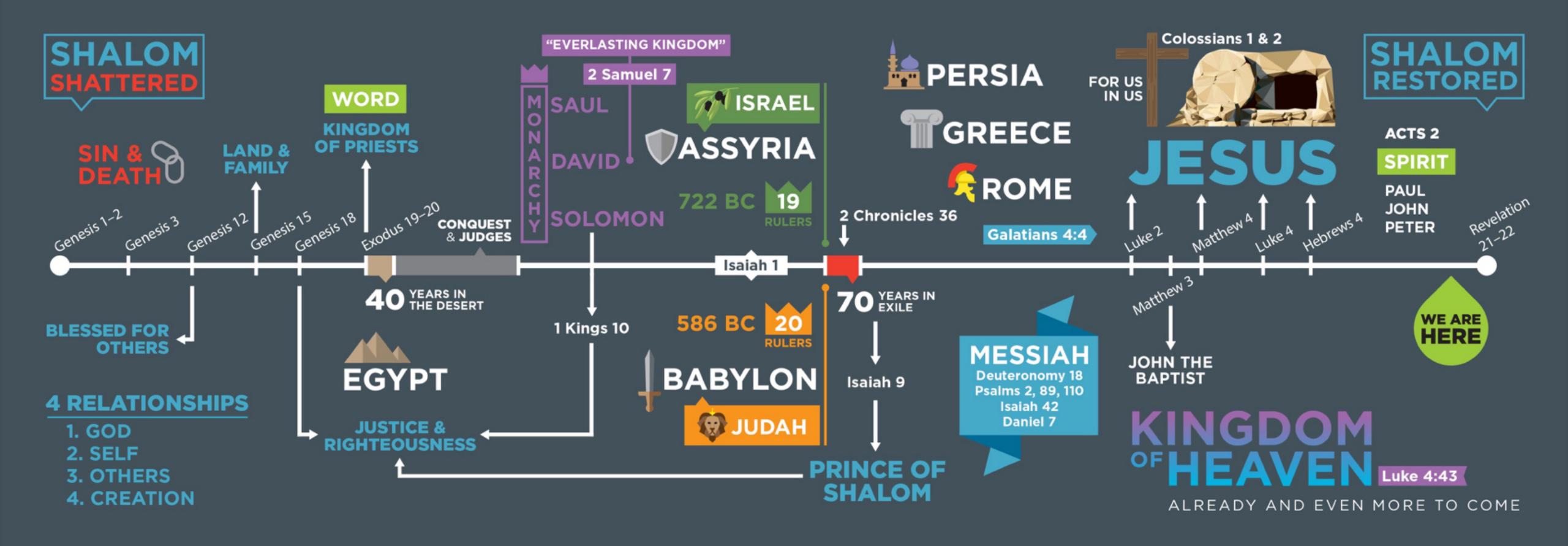


The Delay in Judgement:

2. Ensures that the rule and reign of God is increasingly experienced on earth as it is in heaven (Matt. 6:9-13)



THE RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS



Kingdom-Minded Strategies:

1. Will be different from church to church



Kingdom-Minded Strategies:

2. Will be comprehensive in scope.



Kingdom-Minded Strategies:

3. Will be constant across all campuses.



Why? Because...

All mission is local

We will both equip and support localized expressions of kingdom-minded, "shalom" bringing, "ra" defeating ministry



Why? Because...

All mission is consistent:

Our multi-site church is essentially "al network of missionally motivated, kingdom-driven churches."

We will promote our MULTI-SITE church as a house of brands not as a branded house.

Why? Because...

All mission is personal:

Our strategy can be personalized as well as organized



The Five Giants

Spiritual Emptiness

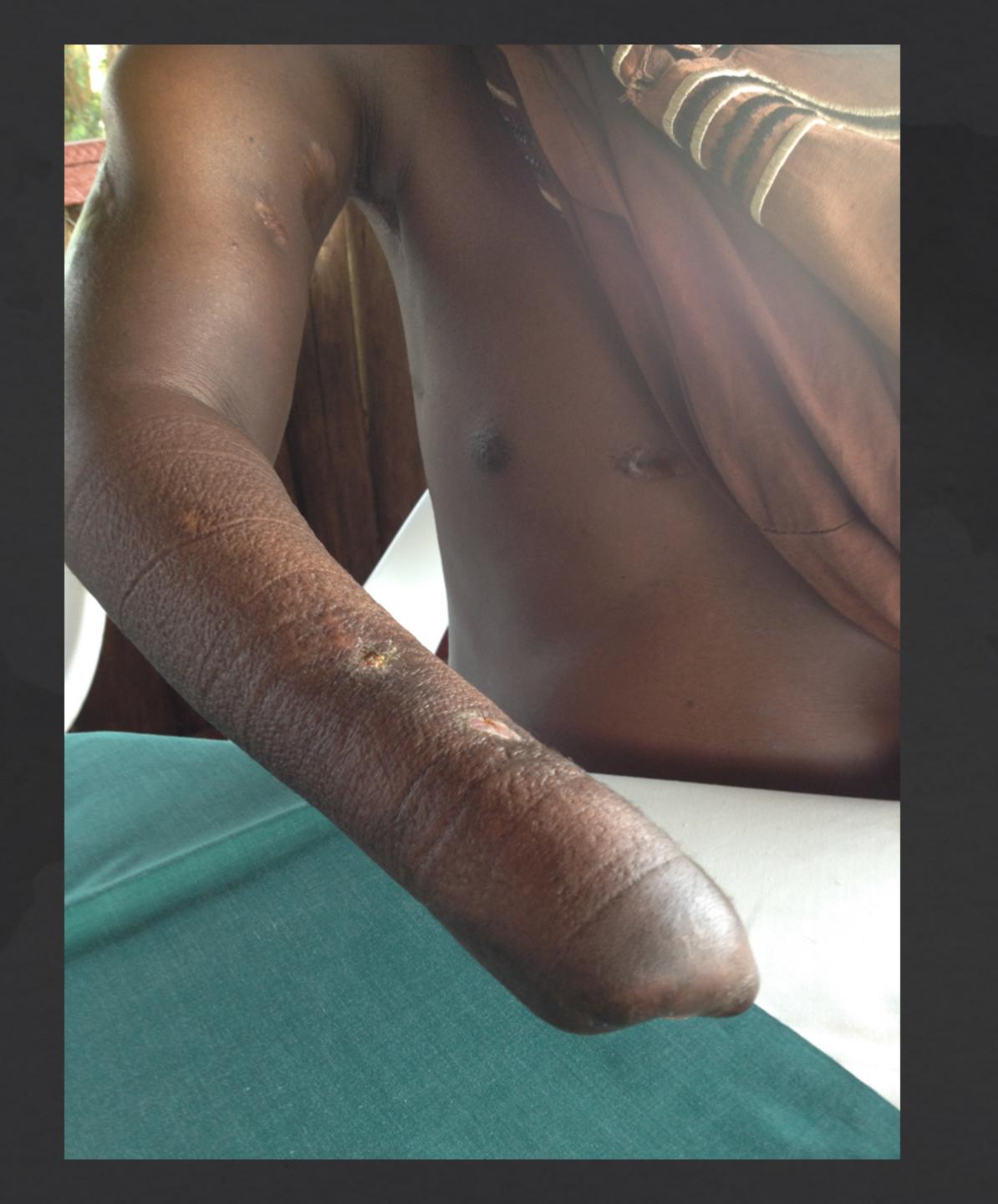
Self-Serving Leadership

Disease

Multifaceted Illiteracy

Poverty & Injustice



















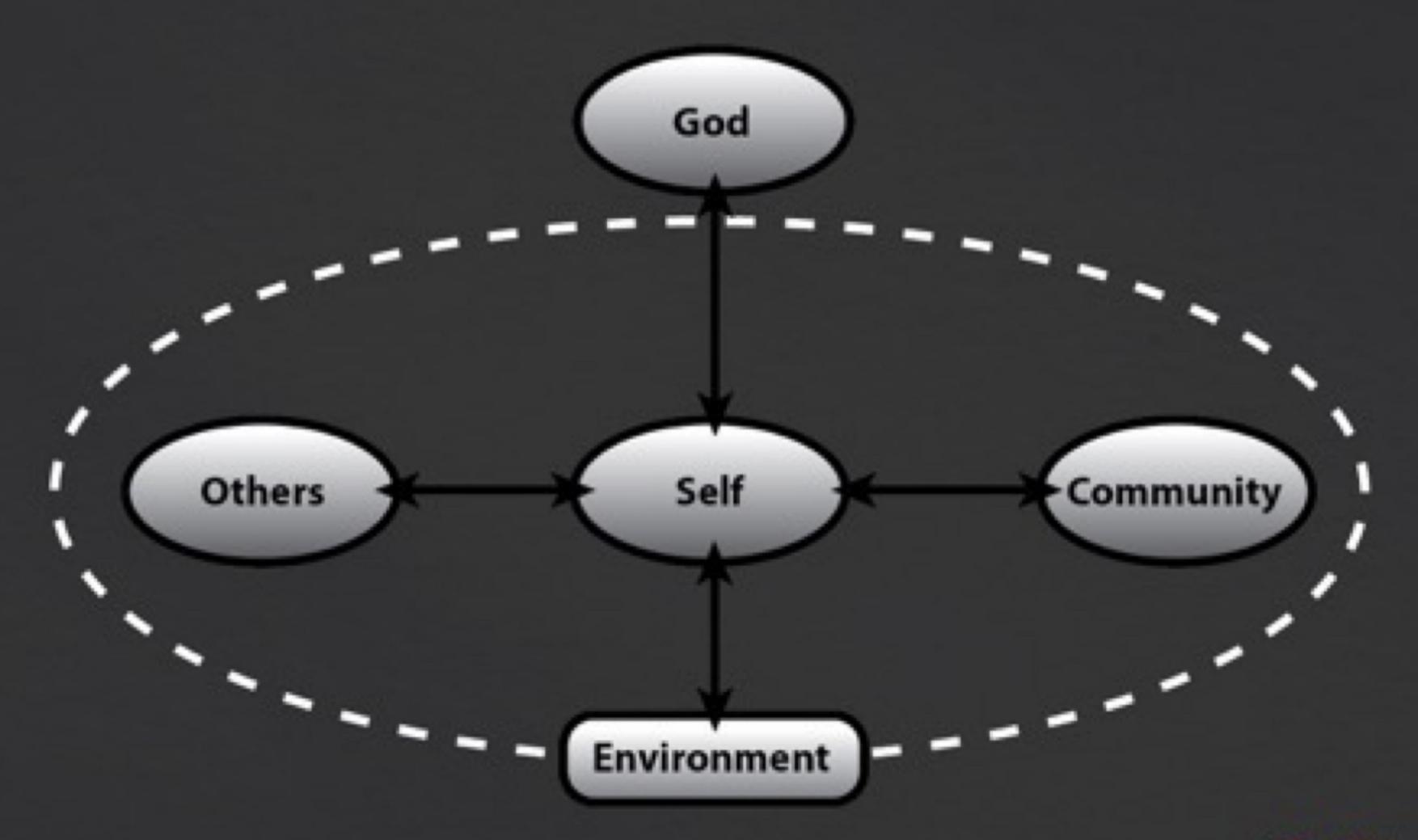
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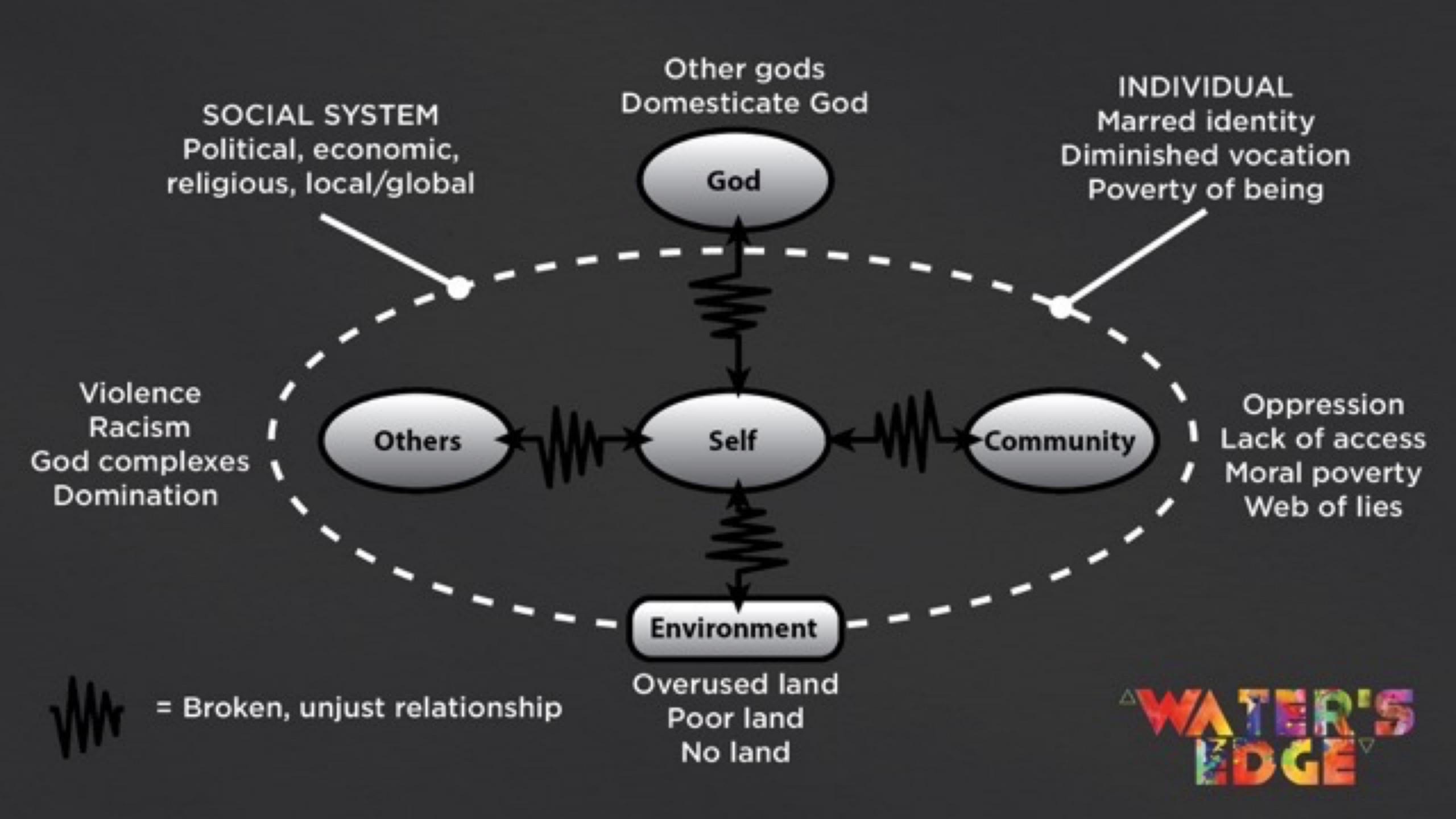


ACCELERATE

Reproducing churches to address the giant of spiritual emptiness









Servant leaders to address the giant of self-serving leadership





PROVIDE

Healing for the sick to address the giant of disease





EDUCATE

The next generation to address the giant of multi-faceted illiteracy

"Education then, beyond all other devices of human origin, is the great equalizer of the conditions of men, the balance-wheel of the social machinery."

-Horace Mann



"He who opens a school door, closes a prison."

-Victor Hugo



"The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next."

-Abraham Lincoln



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

-Nelson Mandela







DEFEND

The poor and vulnerable to address the giant of injustice

"What the poor want is not aid, but jobs - real jobs, not subsidized ones. This is the dignity and self-reliance they deserve."

-Lausanne Occasional Paper No. 59, p.6

