

**Concept Puzzle: Cut these up and provide one of each for every group**

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“Because human beings were made in the image of the triune God, we are meant to be in loving, self-giving relationships with one another. We must never forget that our identity and vocation are embedded in a system of relationships: with God, with self, with community, with those perceived as “other,” and with our environment...

God created male and female in God’s own image and directed them to ‘be fruitful and increase in number, to fill the earth and subdue it’ (Gn 1:27). The idea that God made human beings in God’s image and then gave human beings the power to name (organize), rule over, and make the creation productive has a stunning implication. Human beings are to be God’s co-creators in the world - with a very large assignment. In creation we are to use our God-given power to observe, reason, and then act on that new knowledge...

Thus the Genesis account declares the centrality of the human role in development and in seeking human well-being. You and I are more than simply alive (*being*). Our purpose or vocation as human beings is to make the earth fruitful for human well-being (*thinking and doing*).”

-Bryant L. Myers, *Walking With the Poor* (2019) p. 61

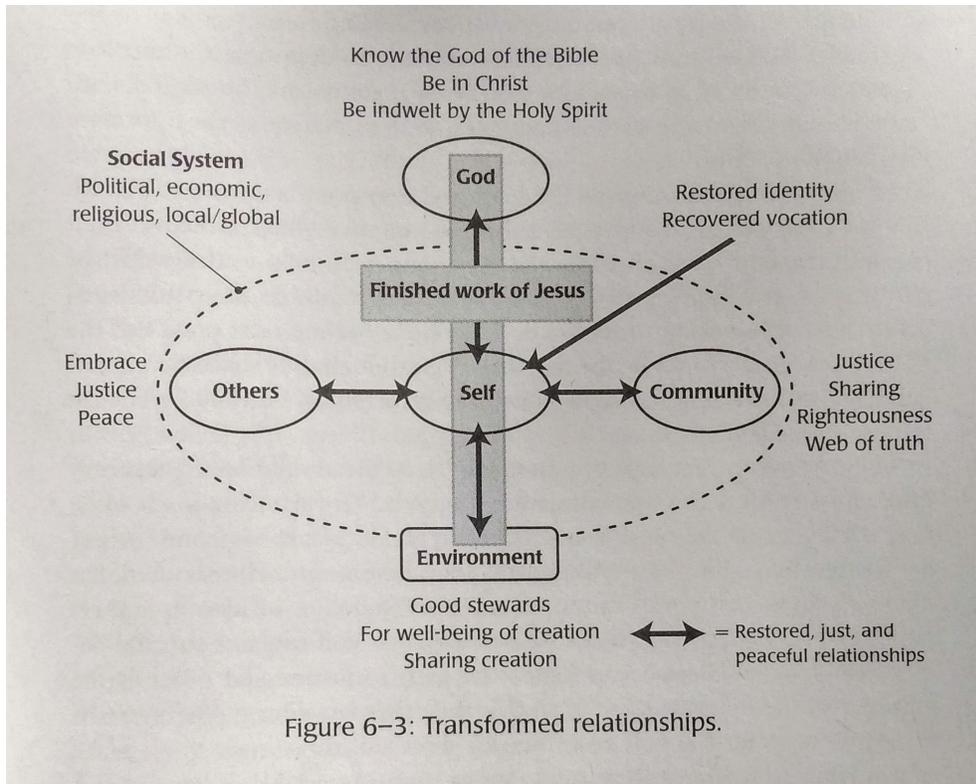
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Jeremiah 29:6-7, “Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.” (ESV)

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Romans 12:6-8, “Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.” (ESV)

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