



# Missional Perspective of SDGs

Environmental Issues and Sustainability  
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# Called Out to Take Responsibility

- Matthew 16:18 – *And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my **ecclesia**, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.*
- Greek word: called out ones
  - Ecc = out
  - Kaleo = call
- It was not a religious term - It was an **assembly** of people called out to take **responsibility** for their community
- Greek Context:
  - The political assembly of citizens of an ancient Greek state.

# A Process

- **Moses:** called out and commissioned
  - Acted against injustice the wrong way
  - Time set aside for him to learn patience, mercy and humility (Micah 6:8)
- **Peter:** called out and commissioned
  - Acted with passion, conviction but wrong approach
  - Time set aside for him to be disciplined to learn new Kingdom values and approaches

# Transformation Journey

## 1. Physical Journey

- Born, grow up, get older, die
- Journey shaped by senses (see, hear, smell, touch, taste)
- Body is a temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 6:19)

**Romans 12:1-2** – be transformed by the renewal of your mind – then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is

## 2. Spiritual Journey

- Often confused or linked with the physical journey
- All made in the image of God
- We can be spiritual without God
- Christian spirituality is driven by our hunger to know God (Phil 3:7-11)
- Time to learn to know God
- Limited spiritual discernment in Christianity today
- Decisions made in a secular way
- Physical growth does not = spiritual growth

# Transformation Journey cont.

## 3. Missional Journey

### What **is** Missional?

- Missional begins with recovering a **missionary understanding of God**
- Missional means having a different posture towards the world where mission is:
  - Originating pulse – raison d'être
  - Its organising principle
- It is a way of perceiving our role in the world as disciples of Christ
- The church does not do mission – it is mission

### What missional is **not**:

- Missional is not a new way to talk about church growth
- Missional is not an extractive model
- Missional is more than social justice
- **Emerging church** is primarily a renewal movement attempting to

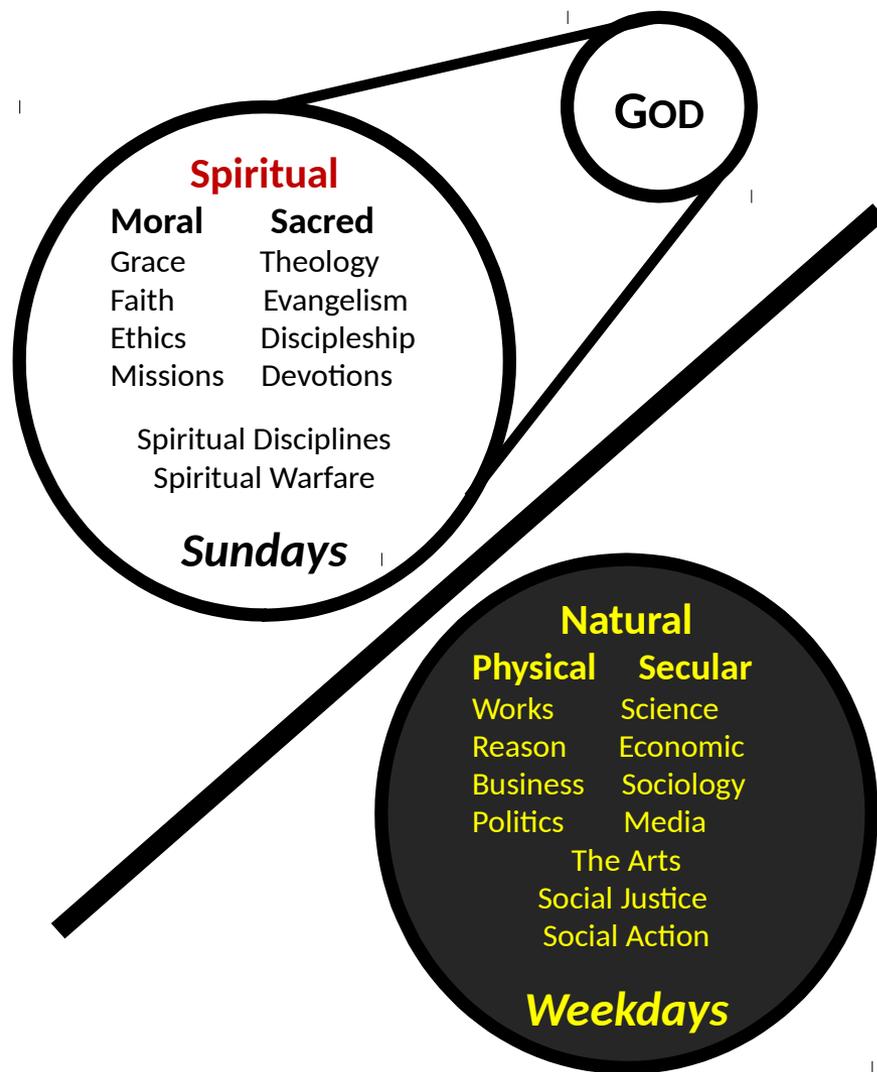
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**SACRED WORK**  
**SECULAR WORK**



# Integral Mission

Bringing together, entwining what has been separated:

- Believing – Living
- Knowing - Obeying
- Spiritual – Material
- Individual – Community
- Private - Public
- Sacred – Secular
- Full time – part time
- Theology – Practice
- Laity – Minister (leader)
- Word – Deed
- Proclamation - Demonstration



# Bigger Picture

We are the ones who **manifest the already** in the midst of the **not yet**.



- New Creation
- New humanity
- Looks like Jesus
- Acts like Jesus
- Speakers like Jesus

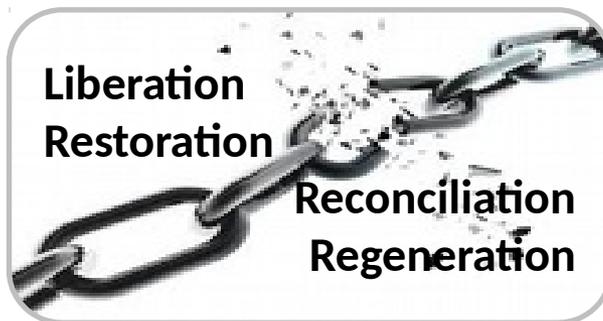
Shalom



Justice, peace and joy

Transformation  
through  
Integral Mission  
**Holy Spirit**

Signs



# **COURAGE** for change

**What would our community or nation look like if God answered our prayer for it?**

In the midst of a society crying out from oppression & cruelty God wants a community characterised by **righteousness and justice**

# John 10:10

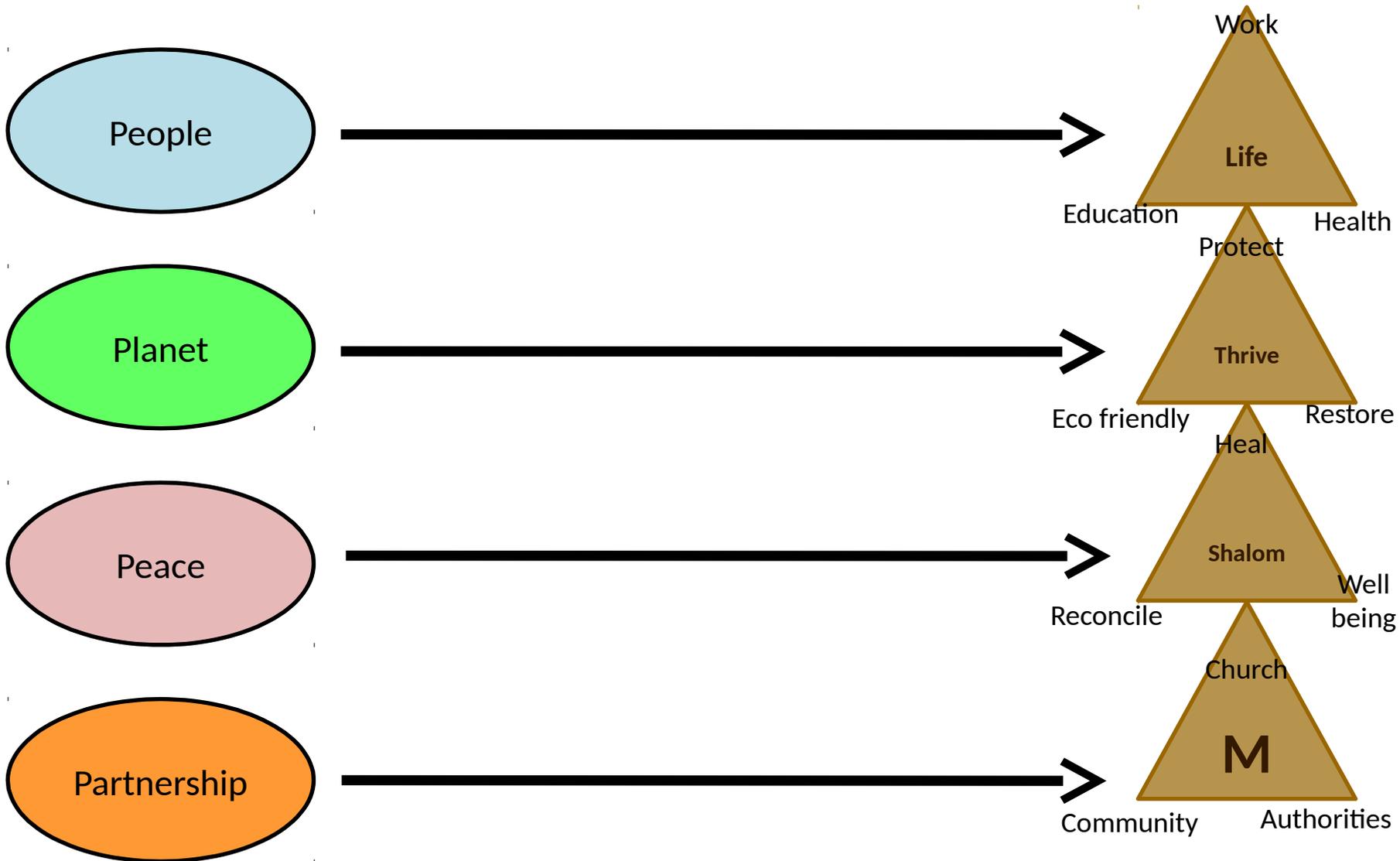
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have **life**, and have it to the **full**.



# God's SDGs

- Care of Creation: Gen 1:26-28
  - Command to be care takers of our world
  - Called to be productive
  - Shared command (male and female) – Gal 3:28
- Justice: Deut. 10: 12-19
- Reconciliation: 2 Cor 5:19
- Protection:
  - Stop doing wrong, learn to right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed, Defend the cause of the fatherless, please the cause of widow. Isaiah 1:17
- Inclusion: John 10:11 – the Good Shepherd
- Shalom: John 10:10

# 4. Transformation Journey



# Leave No One Behind



End Poverty in all its forms - Everywhere



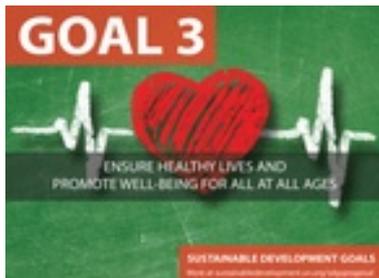
Ensure inclusive, equitable, quality education for all



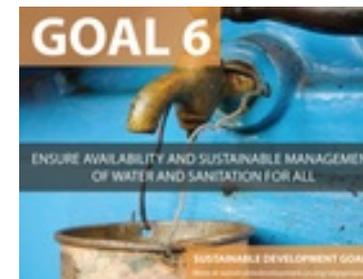
End Hunger - Food Security - Improve nutrition - Sustainable Agriculture



Achieve gender equality



Ensure Healthy Lives - Promote well being for all



Ensure sustainable water and sanitation for all

# Communities living life in all its fullness, free from poverty, injustice and conflict

Poverty



Injustice



Conflict



Planet



Global



# Approach for the Church

- An **essential** role of the local church is to help frame and inform **every area of our lives with the Gospel**
- Equipping believers with a thorough understanding of poverty, justice and creation care (core characteristics of God)
- Facilitation of dialogue around current issues of injustice, poverty, wholeness, within their own community, nation and globally
- Encouraging engagement in social action the local church plays an essential role in the work of Gospel.
- Theology and practice
- Support in helping to tell their story, to witness and share their faith in a meaningful and relevant way
- Practice
  - Example
  - Partnership
  - Cooperation
- Understanding roles of actors in relief & development
- Dealing with the tough questions

**Physical**

**Spiritual**

**Missional**

**Transformational**

**The Kingdom is:**  
the power of God active  
among people in his own  
person and ministry  
here and now.

**The Gospel is  
Jesus Christ:**  
his person and his  
work

**A Citizen:**

- Looks like Jesus
- Acts like Jesus
- Speaks like Jesus
- Loves like Jesus

# Questions?

Be the change you want to see!