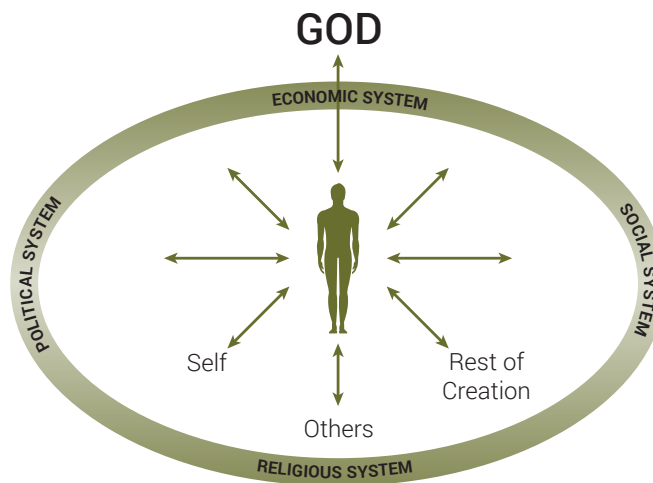


SESSION 2: GOD'S VIEW ON POVERTY

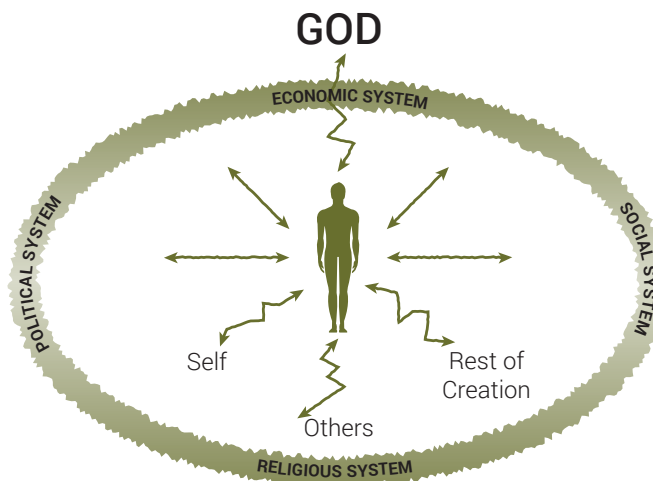
KEY POINTS:

- Shalom means more than peace. It is all relationships and all things working together for the good of everything.



Adapted from Bryant L. Myers, *Walking with the Poor: Principles and Practices of Transformational Development* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1999), 27.

- The brokenness of these four relationships - with God, ourselves, others and creation - is the root of poverty & injustice.



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- These four relationships form the foundations of all of our systems.
- If the relationships are broken, the systems are also broken.
- Brokenness and lack of shalom in the world means we are all unable to be exactly the way God created us to be.
- We all experience broken relationships = we are all poor.
- God wants to restore these relationships.

■ FIELD GUIDE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

*Note: There are **two** breaks for discussion during this video session. Discuss the questions below only when prompted.*

Before beginning the discussion questions, read Genesis 1:26 - 31 and Genesis 2:15 - 25.



How would you describe the original unimpaired condition of the world?



How do you define poverty?



What are the biggest issues of poverty and injustice you see in the world?



Second Discussion Break



What does poverty and injustice look like in each of these relational areas?



In your own context, what are some examples that you know of brokenness?



What relationships are involved?



Where is God pointing out brokenness in your own life?

