

# ***Theme :The Church & Community Development***

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# Defining the Concepts

## The Concept of “Church”:


- **Universal Church:**  
all who believe in Jesus-Christ.





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## The Concept of “Church”:

 Local Church  
(Limited) : can be understood as the location where believers gather to worship the Lord.



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## The Concept of “Church”:

 **Restrictive Sense of the Term** : all who are transformed by Christ and living under the direction of the Holy Spirit.





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## **The Notion of Development:**

Development speaks to a change, an improvement, a progress, an evolution, etc. It is moving from situation A to situation B in such a way that the second situation (or position) is viewed as better than the first.

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## The Notion of Development :

Three criteria are often used to help determine levels of development within a community.

- **The acquisition of new knowledge** (education, training, instruction, etc.).
- **A change in attitude** in other words the application of good practices in our daily lives.
- **Skills** this implies the mastery of a technique by the beneficiaries.

# Is Development a Part of the Church's Mission

- ✘ **The theory of saving souls** states that the mission of the Church is to only save souls and without concern for the body. Everything is based on salvation of the soul.

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- **The theory of social action (works)** states that the Church, because it comes from God, has as its mission to show God's goodness to everyone. The Church is therefore in place for its mission of charity.



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- **The Holistic Theory:** Man is body spirit and soul. Salvation needs to take into account all **three** dimensions.

# The Basis for the Church's Social Engagement

## Scripture:

### Old Testament

2 Kings 4:1-7  
2 Kings 5:1-9  
Ezekiel 34:16  
Proverbs 3:3-4  
Genesis 41:53-56  
Esther 8:3  
2 Samuel 9:1-13  
Deut 15:11  
Isaiah 58:7  
Micah 6:8

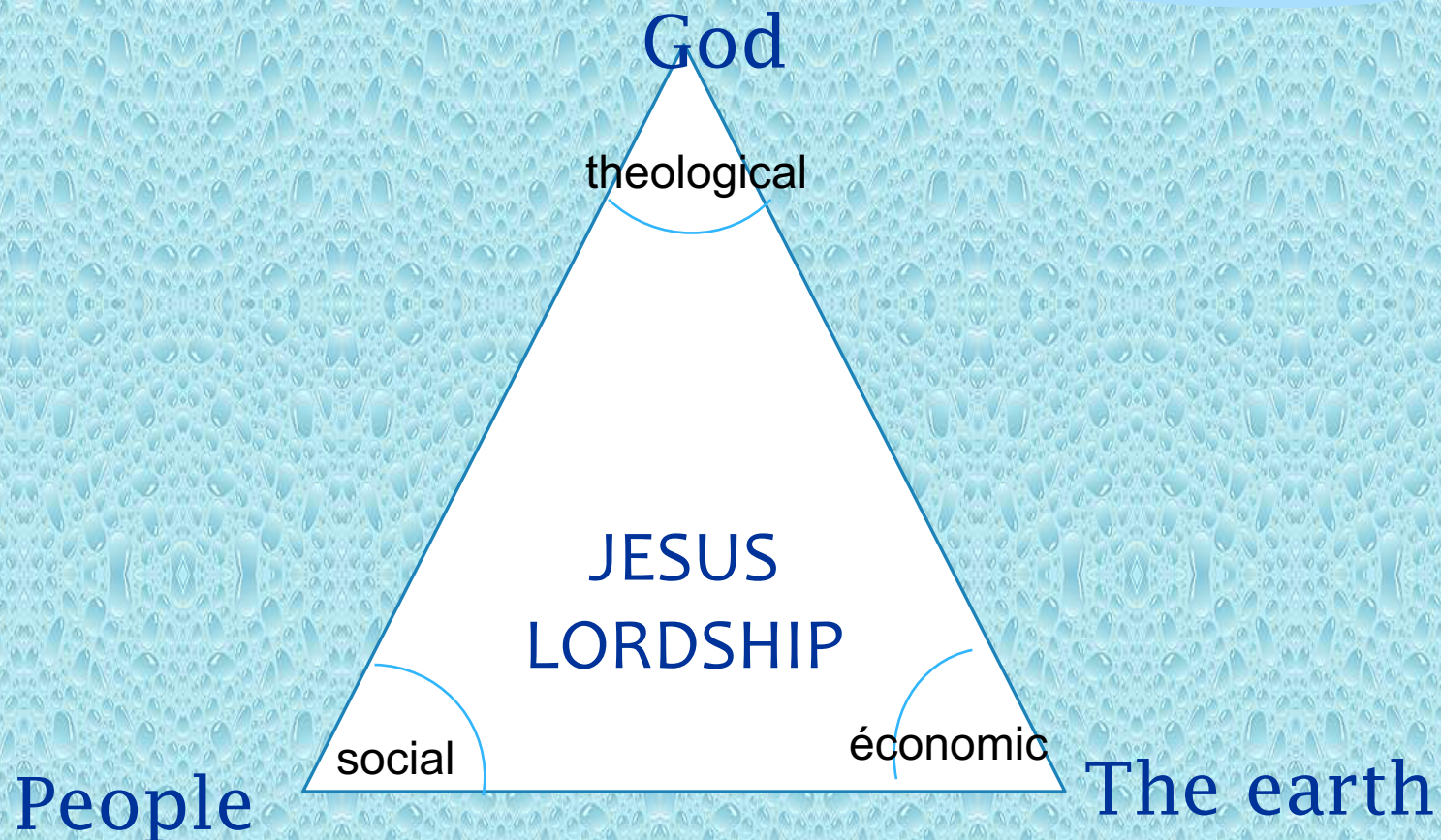
### New Testament

Acts 6:1-7: Social organisation of  
the church  
Acts 20:35  
Luke 10:25-34: The Good  
Samaritan  
James 2:15-22  
Matthew 18:5  
Matthew 25:14-30  
Matthew 5:16  
Mark 6:33-44



# The Reason for the Church's Social Engagement

■ Obedience to the Great Commission



# The Reason for the Church's Social Engagement

- Higher visibility for the Church
- Social engagement as a good tool for evangelism
- Out of respect for the Church
- The Church is living out Shalom!



# Conclusion

The church of Jesus-Christ cannot only preach the word of God without taking care of the physical needs of the community. Mankind is body, soul and spirit. And the church needs to have a holistic ministry.

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