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Isaiah 61:1

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Transformational Development- Thinking About Community



WHAT IS TRANSFORMATIONAL DEVELOPMENT?

- ▣ Transformational Development involves a life Change which is the renewal of mind and behaviour, spiritually and physically
- ▣ Attitudes within the Community is the Key
- ▣ We Focus on People not Programs
- ▣ We evaluate a community by its openness for change and not its needs

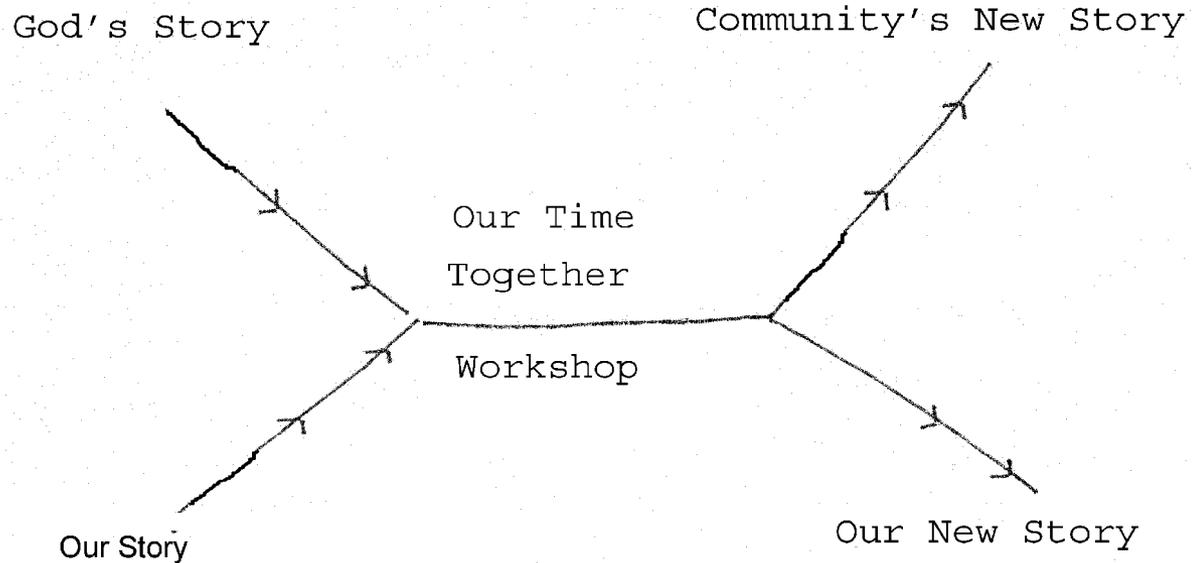
Live Change - From a Drug Dealer to a Best Farmer





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What Happens in Transformational Development

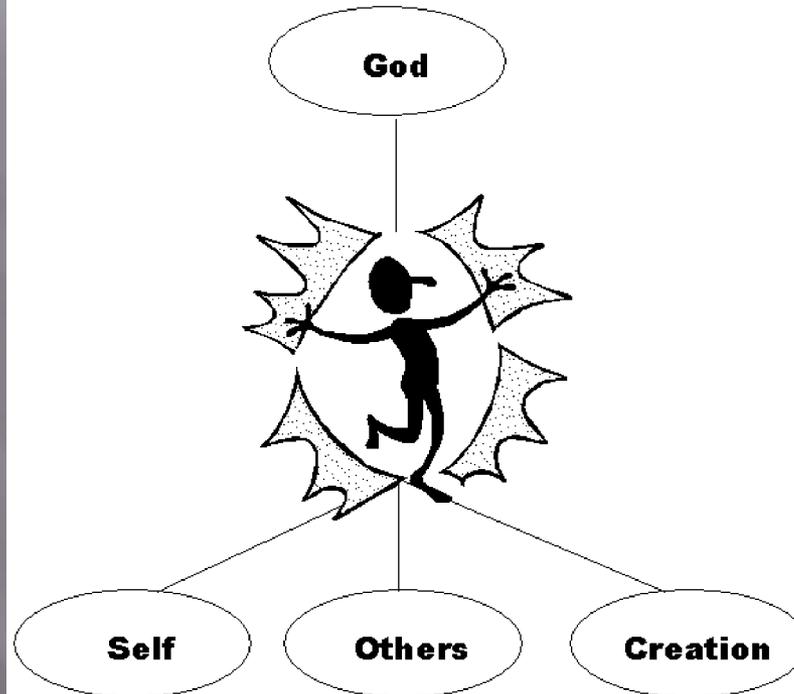


God's Story

Lesson 2

Attachment A

4 RELATIONSHIPS GOD ESTABLISHED FOR US AT CREATION

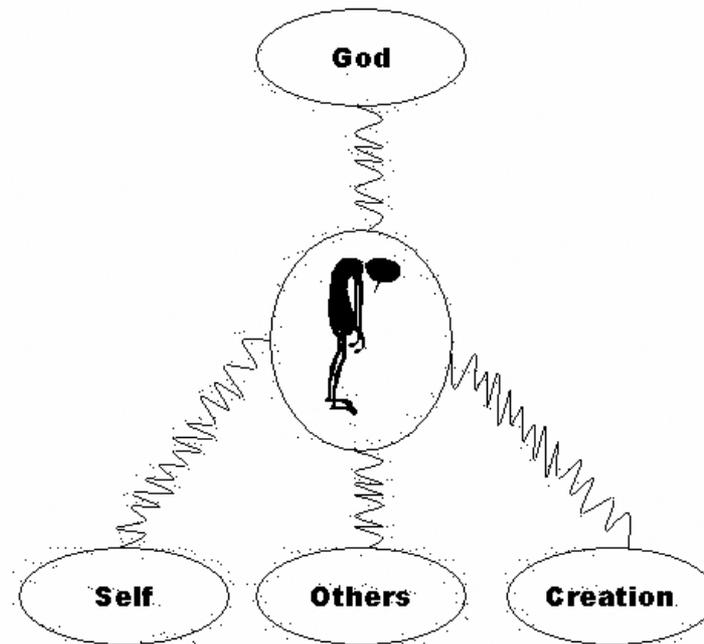


Our Story

Lesson 2

Attachment B

SOME EFFECTS OF THE FALL INTO SIN



Adapted from: 2004 Christian Economic Development Institute Workshop Notes, Callers: Economic Development Institute, Section 2, p.15

OUR NEW STORY - WHO AM I ?

FUN HOUSE MIRROR



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MADE IN IMAGE OF GOD

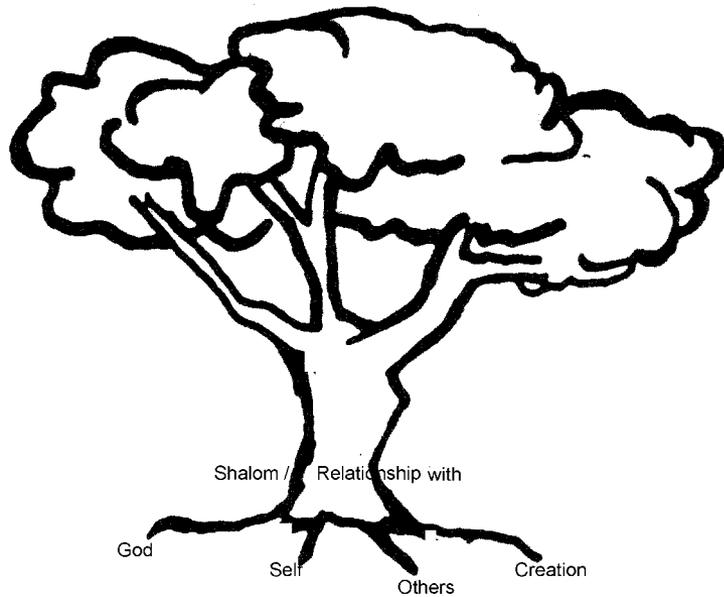
- ▣ I am created by God and I am the image bearer of God
- ▣ I am crowned with dignity and honour
- ▣ In Christ I am a minister of reconciliation
- ▣ In Christ I am a child of God
- ▣ I am a bearer of gifts and resources
- ▣ I am a steward of gifts and resources God has given me

Community's new story

Lesson 4

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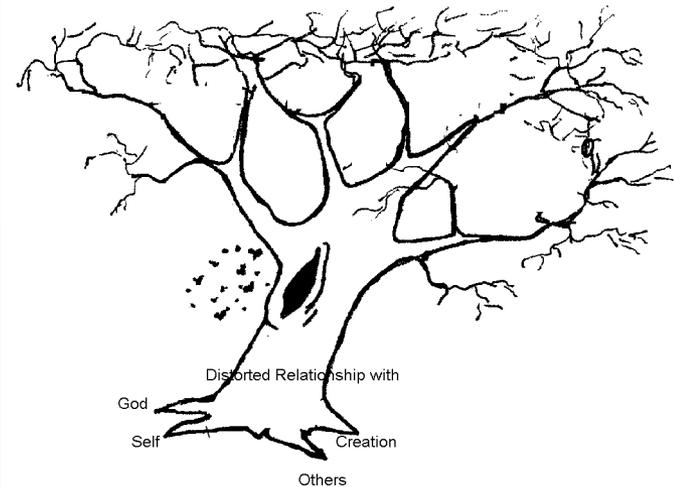
A HEALTHY COMMUNITY



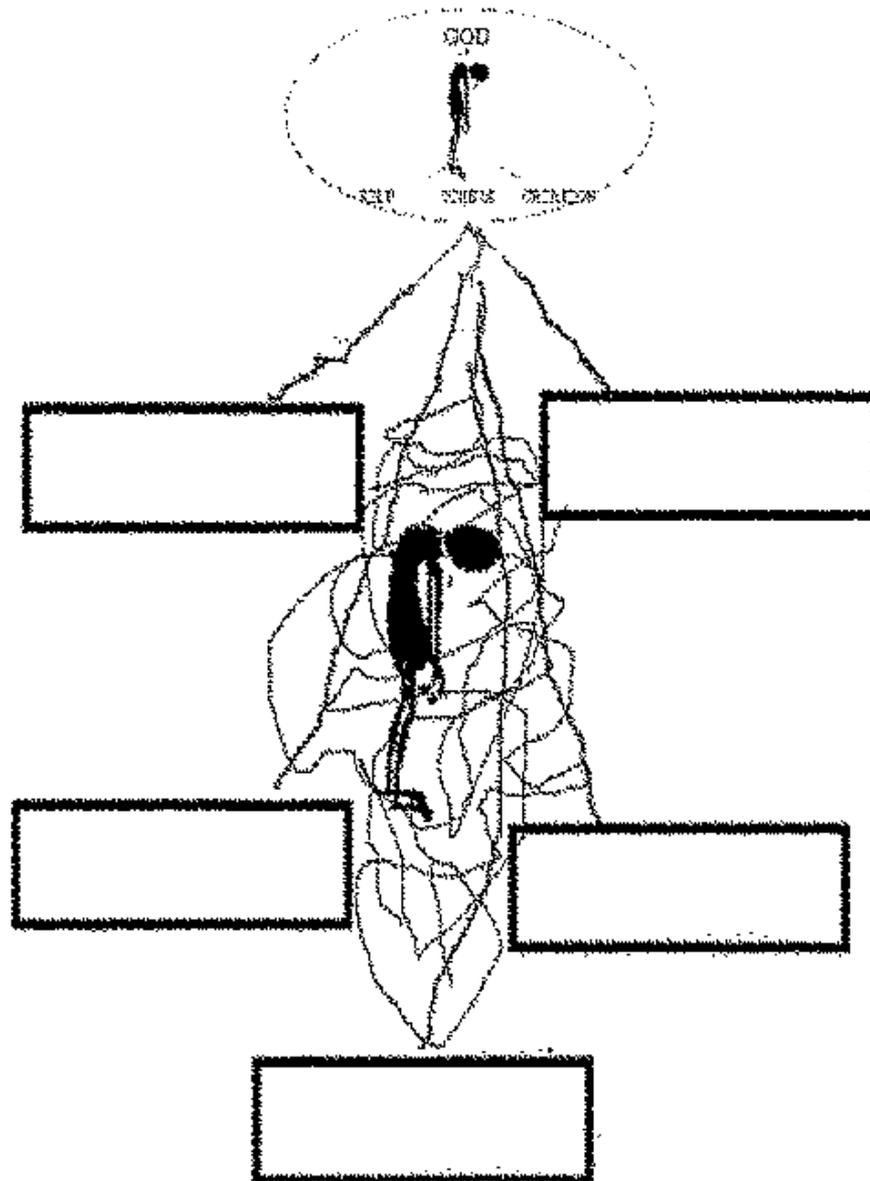
Lesson 4

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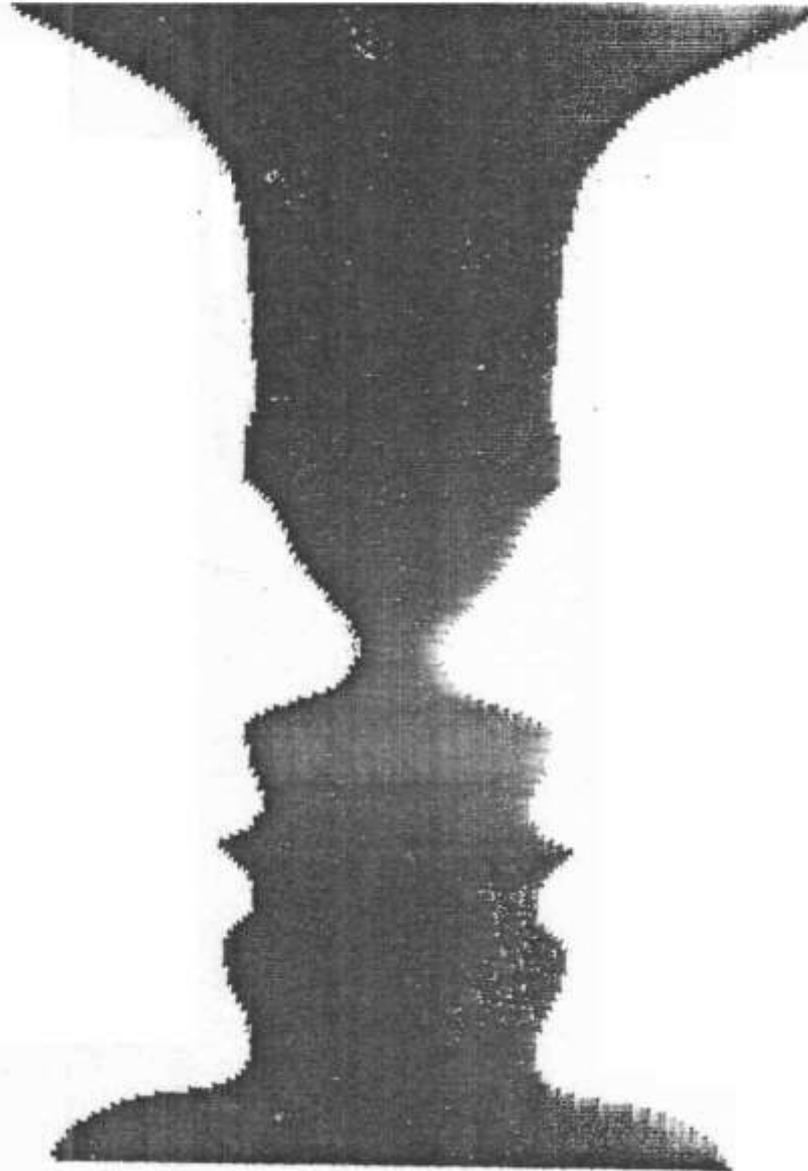
AN UNHEALTHY COMMUNITY



THE POVERTY TRAP



WHAT DO YOU SEE?



Cultural beliefs



No weeding from 10:00 a.m





No washing from 10:00 a.m



No breast feeding during the day



Results







Donations



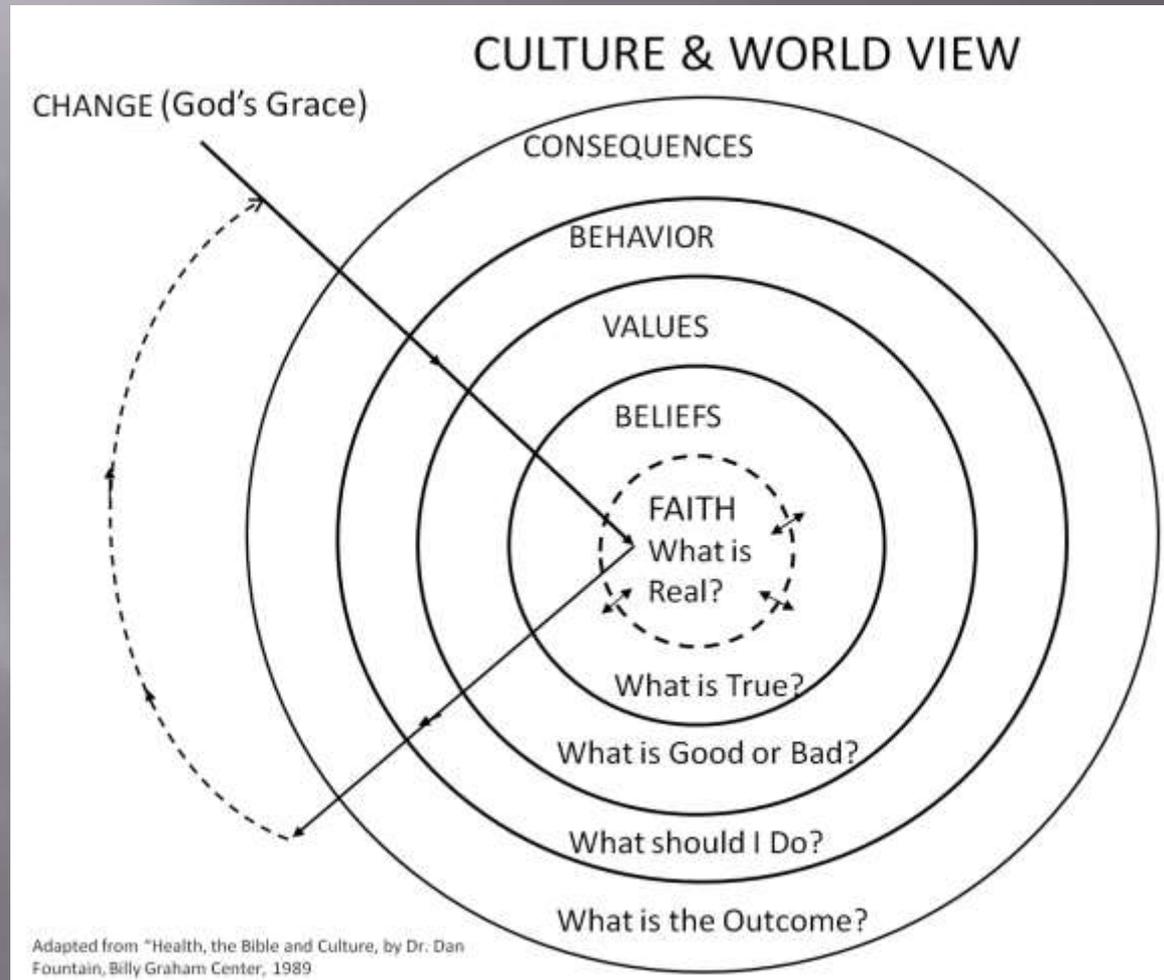


Short Cuts





Changing the Mind Set



God's plan vs Satan's plan

John 10:10

“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.”

Who is Satan ?

John 8:44

“44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

Deuteronomy 30:19

“19 This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and you children may live”.

Farmers praying for their fields





















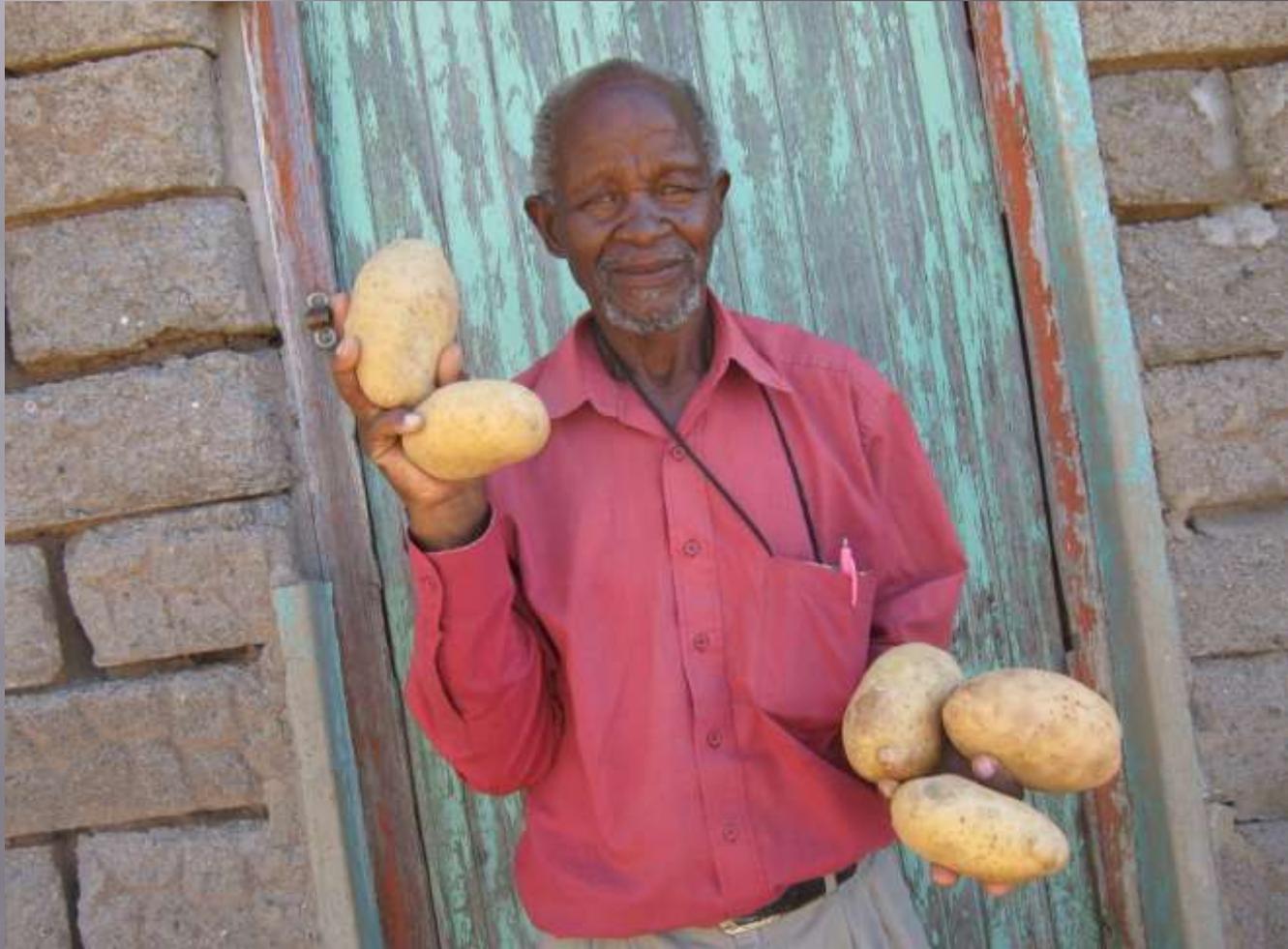
Results













What is a Community?



- ▣ A community is a group of people living together who know how to Sustain themselves, who think together about common needs, who are willing to work together with their present resources to find solutions to their problems

Discussion

- ▣ 1/2 of the group: Identify some things you are proud of in your community
- ▣ 1/2 of the group: How has your community sustained itself over the years?

Group work

- ▣ 1/2 of the group: Think of a “successful” group in your community. What has made it succeed?
- ▣ 1/2 of the group: Think of a group in your community that has not gone well. What are some of the things that lead to problems or even failure?

The First development Project The Tower of Babel



Genesis 11:1-9

1 Now the whole world had one language and common speech. 2 As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. 3 They said to each other, "let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. 4 Then they said, "come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth." 5 But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. 6 The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. 7 Come let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." 8 So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. 9 That is why it was called Babel – because the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

The Story of the Sea Wall



Case Studies

An NGO build a Sea Wall in a small fishing village on the Indian Ocean to stop erosion. The local people were very unhappy as the wall made it difficult to get their boats in and out of the water; Thus it was hard to carry on their livelihood as fishermen. Over a period of many months the fishermen saw their families suffering, as they could no longer fish. They talked with the NGO and Community Officials. The Community Officials were afraid to confront the NGO as they didn't want to loose the possibility of future funding. One night the men in the Community got together and knocked down the wall. Because of the success in working together as a community, they realized that as a group they had power to bring change in other areas. Today in this Community:

- ▣ There is very little crime
- ▣ Tribes that were traditionally enemies, now live in peace with each other.
- ▣ They have dug a Community well
- ▣ People are willing to help each other
- ▣ The Churches are helping widows to build houses
- ▣ Prostitution has greatly reduced
- ▣ The fish selling business is much better than before
- ▣ The men have used traditional methods of planting trees to stop erosion.

Some key ingredients that have helped a community group to succeed

- ▣ Transparency, accountability, trust
- ▣ Discussing together to identify our own problems and possible solution
- ▣ Identifying the resources within our community and using them
- ▣ Knowing that each person has a special gift and using that gift
- ▣ Expressing genuine appreciation for each person's contribution
- ▣ Humility, integrity, respect
- ▣ Understanding that we are stewards of all creation – including people's gifts and available resources

Things that have lead to problems, or failures in a Community group

- ❑ Lack of ownership
- ❑ Hopelessness
- ❑ Outside group having “solutions” to our problems or asking us to “rubber stamp” their goals – tramples on our dignity as people
- ❑ Lack of communication
- ❑ Outsiders having an unrealistic plan for sustainability / turn over
- ❑ Self interest and pride among leaders
- ❑ Conflict of interest among leaders and politicians
- ❑ Starting too big too fast
- ❑ Outside donors create dependency

EPHESIANS 4:25-32

25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body. 26 “In your anger do not sin”

Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 and do not give the devil foothold. 28 Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. 29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgive each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Romans 12:3-8

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgement, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith' 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is to teach then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently, if it is to show mercy do it cheerfully.

A team / Community is
stronger than the sum of its
members

DISCUSSION

- ▣ Discuss why this is true.
- ▣ Evaluate the community in which you live.
What evidences do you see that it is working as the type of community we have been talking about?
- ▣ What can you do to strengthen the unity in your community?

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