

4 Transformational Relationships

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~ Philippians 2:12-13

God (Inward)

- * Core thought: Love God with all your being
- * Key scripture: Luke 10:25-28
- * Formative action: Spiritual disciplines
- * Examples: Prayer; Bible reading; silence and solitude; worship

Believers (Outward)

- * Core thought: Keep on loving each other as family
- * Key scripture: Hebrews 13:1
- * Formative action: Mentoring relationships
- * Examples: Mentoring; small bible reading and prayer groups; reading the Bible with your family

Neighbors (Outward)

- * Core thought: Love your neighbor as yourself
- * Key scripture: Luke 10:25-37
- * Formative action: Evangelism
- * Examples: Lifestyle evangelism that occurs in many ways: friendship; service; teaching

Strangers (Outward)

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Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

(Philippians 2:12-13)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

(Romans 12:1-2)



On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

(Luke 10:25-28)

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

(Hebrews 13:1-2)

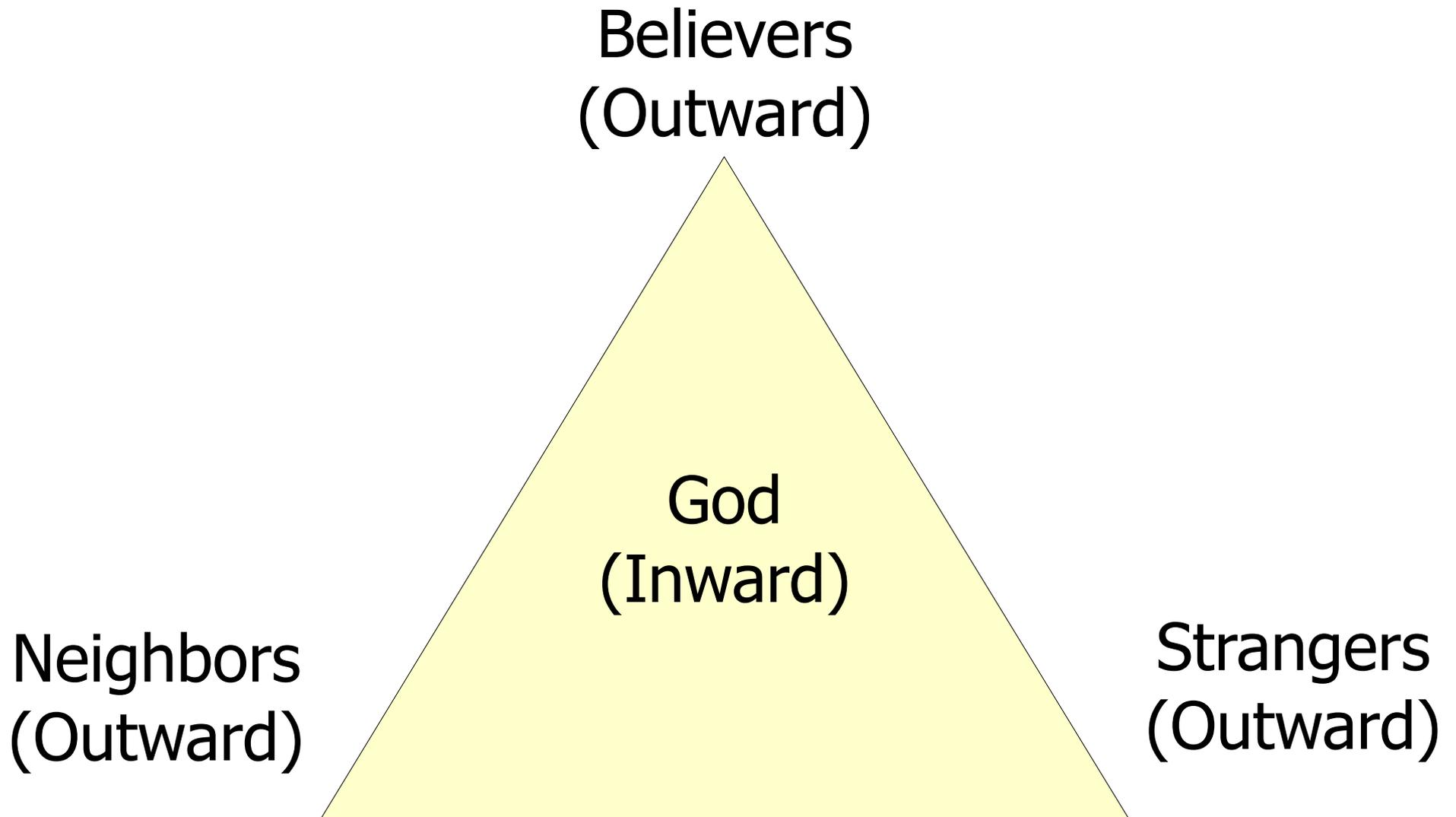


Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

(Luke 10:37)



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Glorify God

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Build Believers

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And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

(Hebrews 10:24-25)



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Nurture Neighbors

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Serve Strangers

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.

Share with God's people who are in need.

Practice hospitality.

(Hebrews 13:2 / Romans 12:13)

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“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

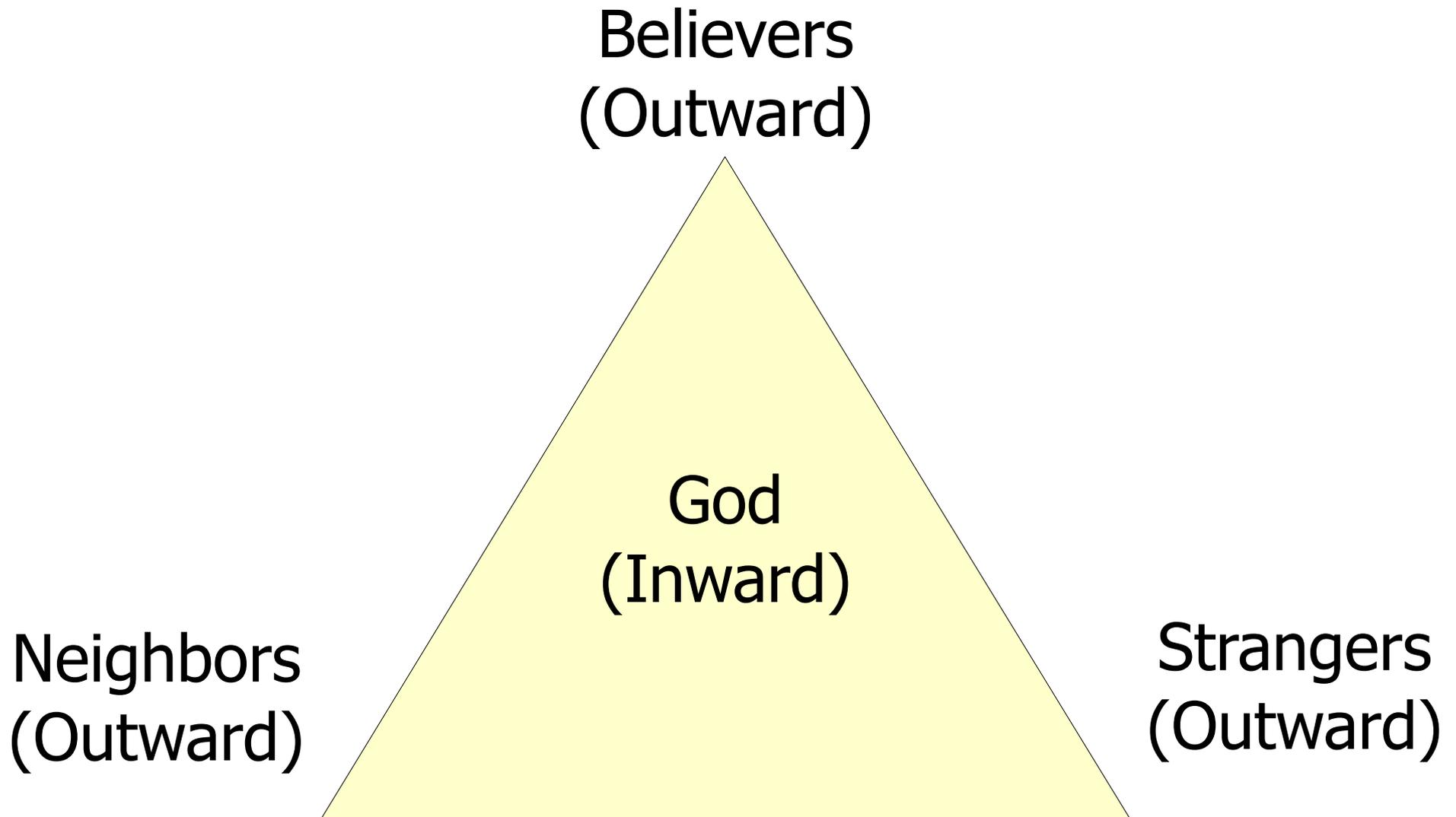
(Matthew 25:37-40)



Be the salt of the world.
(Matthew 5:13)



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