



What Does God Say About Immigration?

A Lutheran Framework for Discussing
Immigration Issues

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A Glocal View

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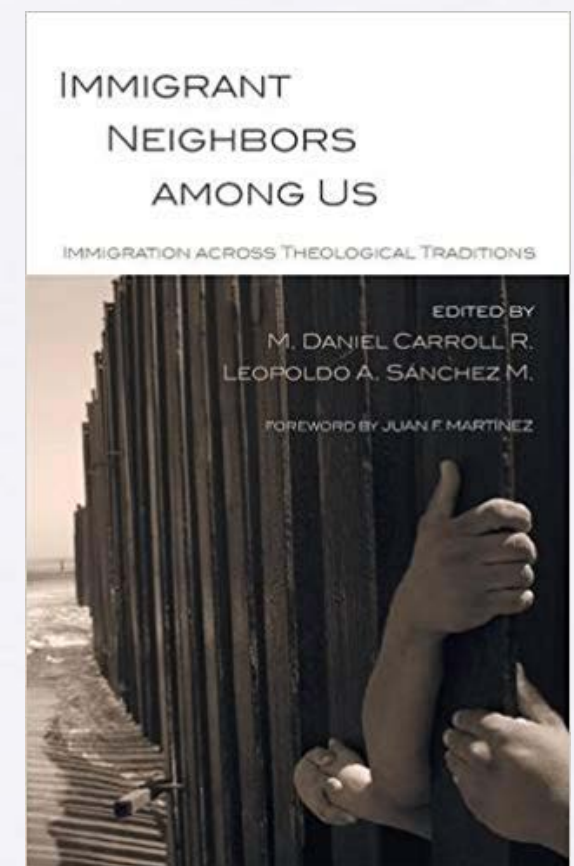
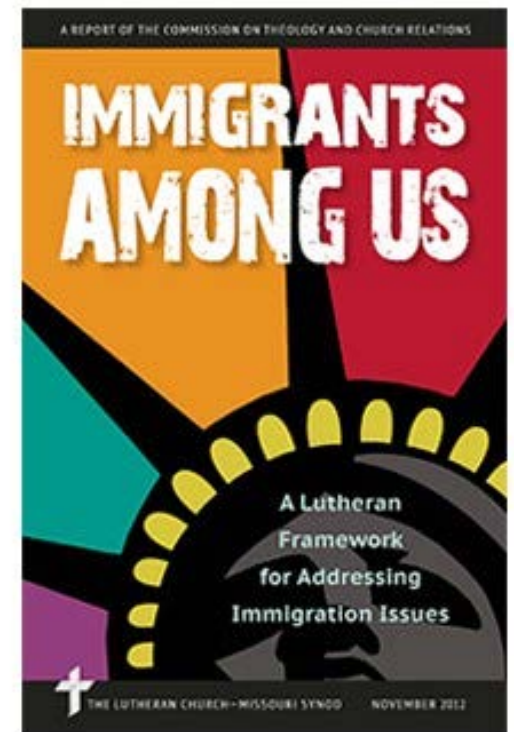
- 65 million people displaced
- 23 million refugees
- + 50% children
- 30,000 refugee admissions
lowest US cap

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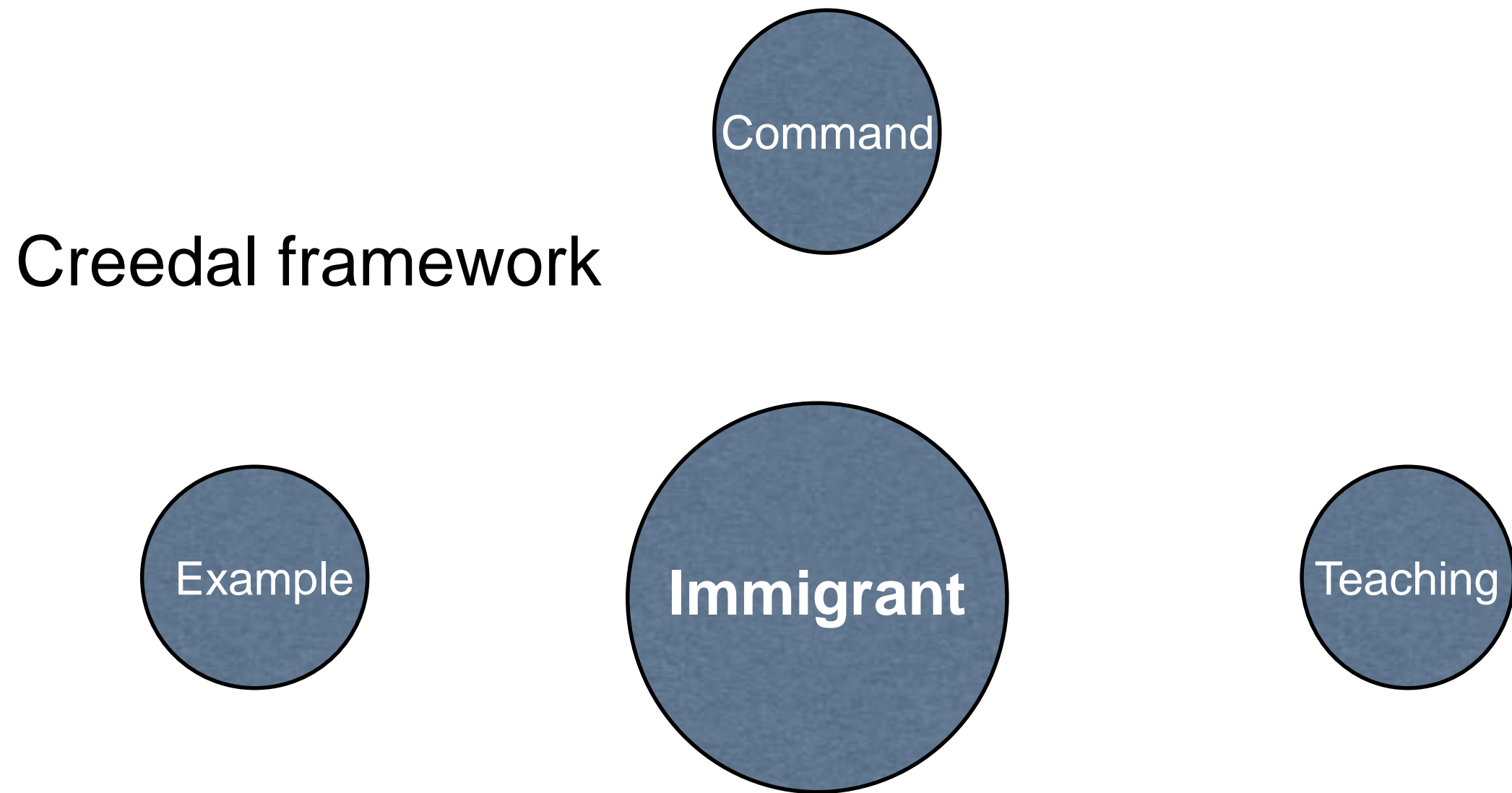
- 11 million undocumented
- 66% living in US for at least a decade
- 790,000 "Dreamers" status up in the air
- Families separated at the border still an issue

Different Entry Points

- A Biblical-Theological Framework
 - Loving the **immigrant** neighbor
 - Honoring civil **law**
 - Affirming God's twofold work in the **world** (church and state)
 - Appreciating the role of **vocation**

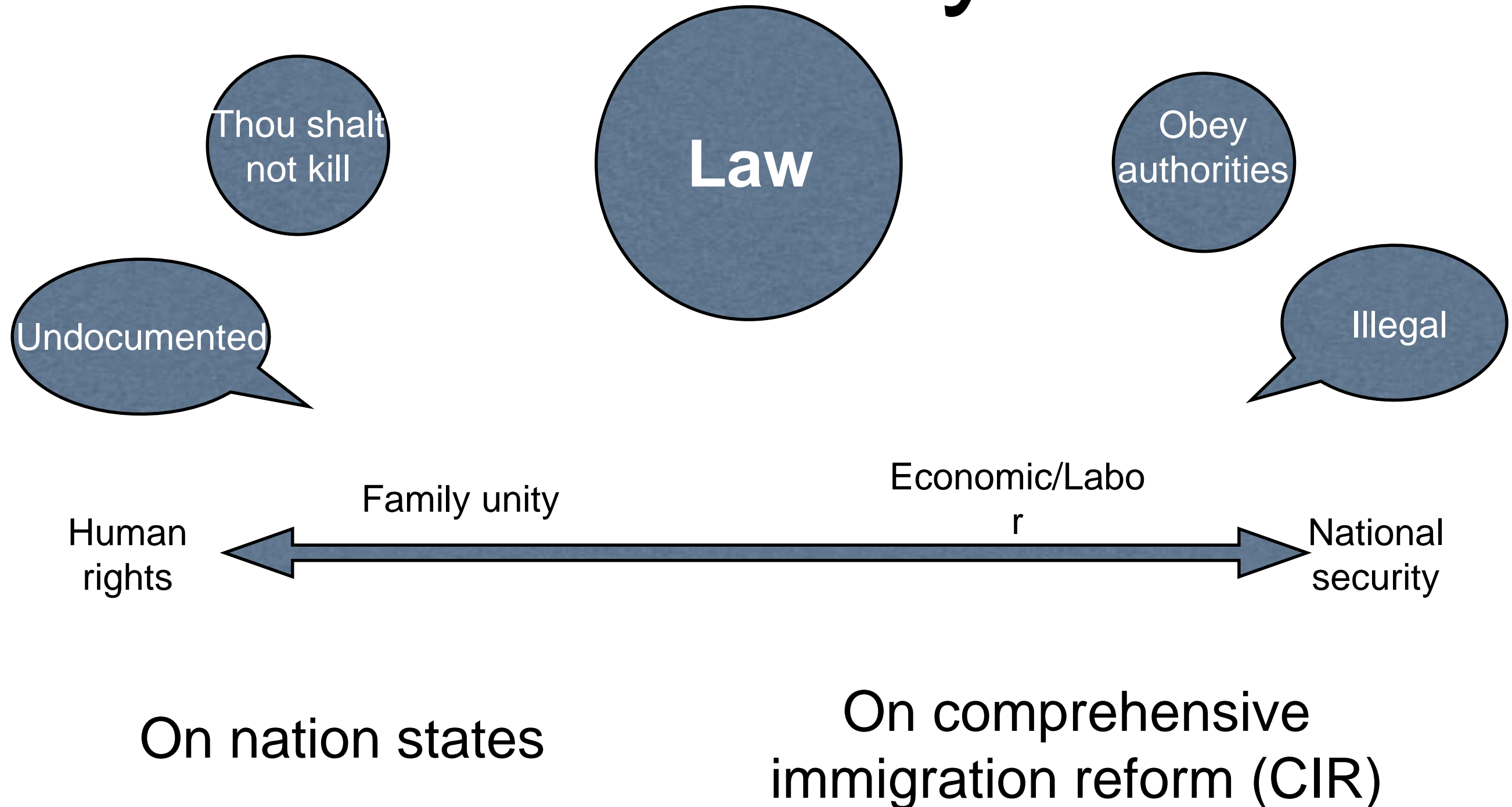


Immigrant neighbors

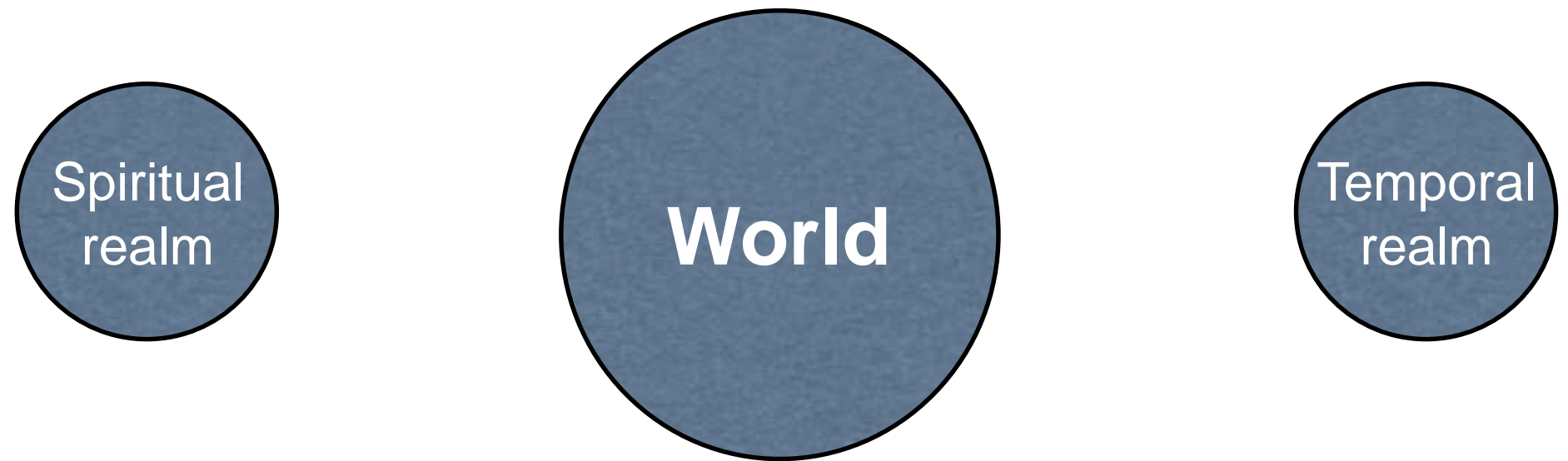


Legality-illegality is not the main issue

Civil law and authority



God's twofold work in the world



- Distinction *justification* *justice*
- Confusion *law trumps unity, mission* *mission, mercy trumps law*

Differences of opinion on immigration law is not an obstacle to the work of Gospel proclamation among all immigrants



Vocations and neighbors

Christian in a vocation

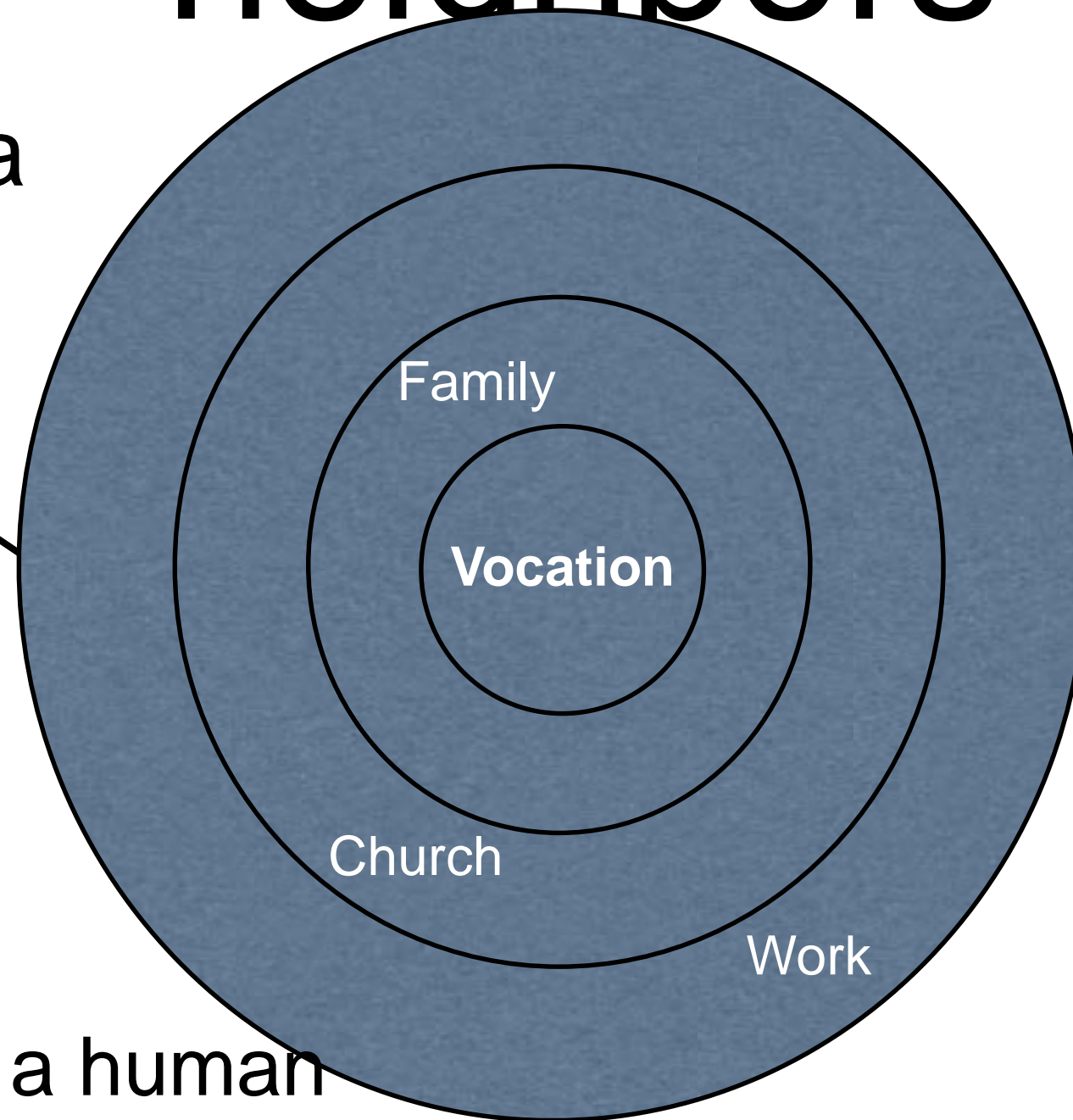
Law and Vocation

Who is my neighbor?

Collective vocation

Vulnerable?
Outsider?

Vocation puts a human face on the immigration debate



Final thoughts

- Talking past each other...
- *What part of “illegal” do you not understand?*
- *What part of “love your neighbor” do you not understand?*
- No one theme captures everything
- Each framework has its own contribution
- Helpful in conversations
- Put a human face on the issue

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