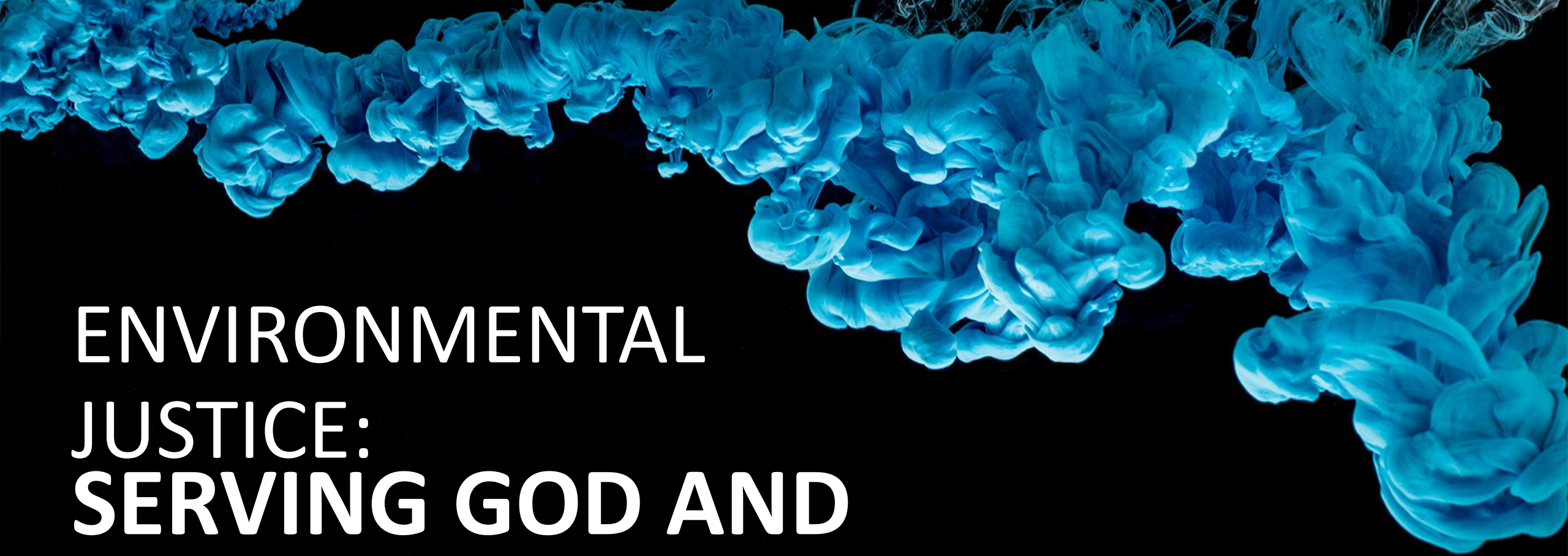




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**ENVIRONMENTAL  
JUSTICE:  
SERVING GOD AND  
CARING FOR HIS  
CREATION**

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Before we start...

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# What is “Justice”?

*What is “just” when we talk about creation/environment and our roles in it?*



## PSALMS 24:1-2

*The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it*

*for he founded it on the seas  
and established it on the waters.*



## PSALMS 115:15-16

*May you be blessed by the LORD,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.*

*The highest heavens belong to the LORD,  
but the earth he has given to mankind.*

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Everything is own by God,  
all creation is sustained by Him.

(Psalms 24:1-2)

The Earth was given to us to be cared for and to live in it both  
**creatively** (*in full diversity of culture*)  
and **responsibly** (*in full care of the other*).

(Psalms 115:15-16)

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**What does the world look like, today?**

*The current situation of the Agro-industry.*





OVER-  
PRODUCTION/CONSUMPTION

*The world has **production capacity** enough to feed 9,500 million (9.5 billion) people\*.*

*The current world population is 7,500 million (7.5 billion) people, and from those, **750 million (10%) go to bed hungry.***

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# FOOD INSECURITY

*Today's **agro-industry** has become a business which cares more of generating money, not food. And the food that it produces is mostly not nutritious. **Most of the food in the market is junk food.***

***Food security** happens when three things are met:*

- Availability*
- Accessibility*
- Biological use*





# IDENTITY THEFT

*A little about Mexico's identity, culture and gastronomy.*

***Corn**, its role in **Economy**, the **Migration** phenomenon in the mid and late 90's and Mexico's new image to the world.*





# HOARDING AND GREED

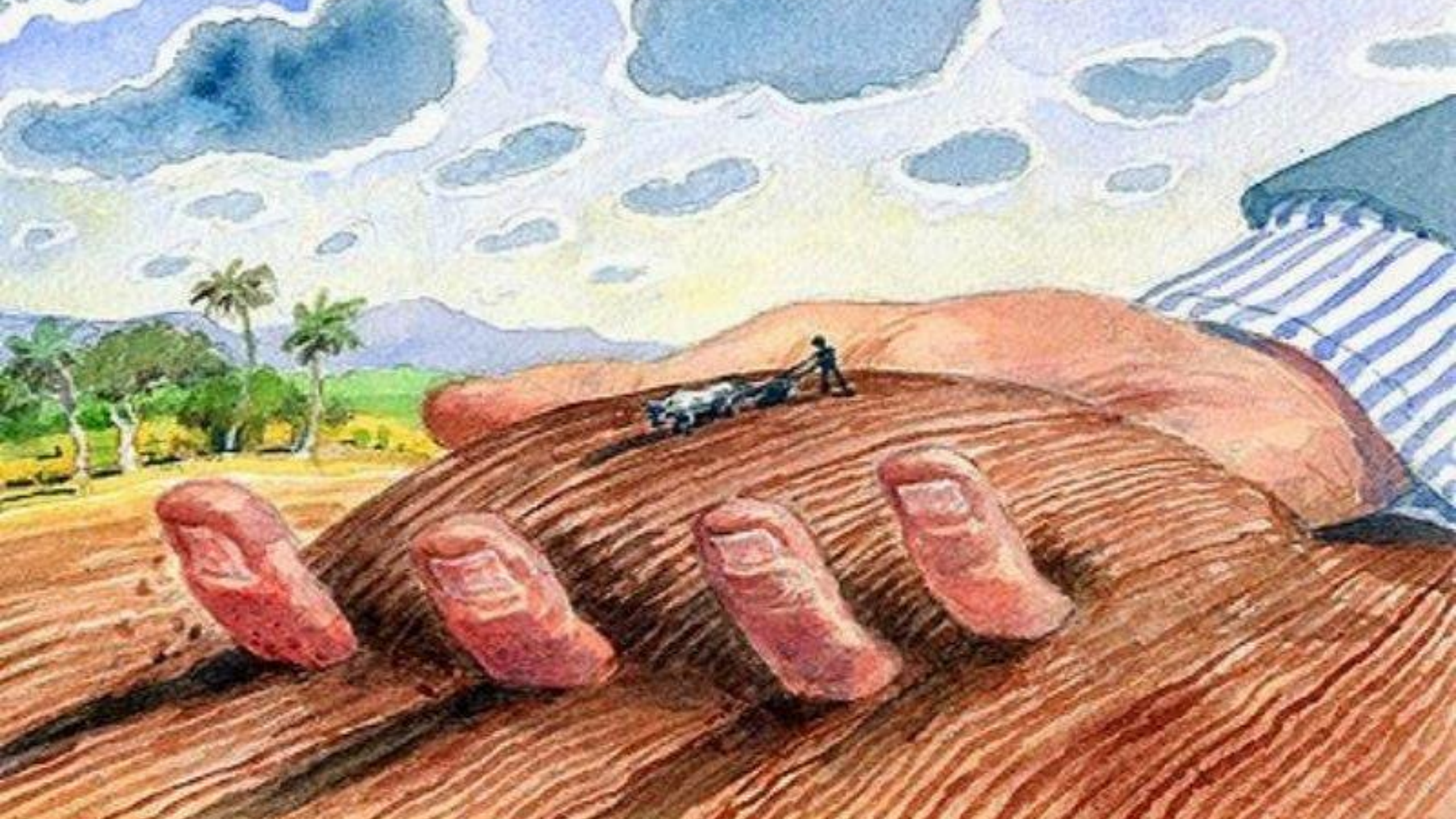
*The main causes of all of the environmental problems in the world are these things.  
But Sin is the root of all wrong.*

*People feel the need to find security in possessions, the gathering for tomorrow. Trusting in so many other things rather than trusting in the Lord.*

*“Enough” stops being enough.*

*And, most of the times, we aren't even aware that we are doing this.*

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THESE THINGS HAPPEN WHEN WE CREATE THE IDEA THAT MONEY IS  
MORE IMPORTANT THAN PEOPLE, AND WE CHOOSE TO BELIEVE IN IT.

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*For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered  
from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*

(1 Timothy 6:10)

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# What the new life looks like?

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*How do we live our faith?*

*How to break the pattern of selfishness and indifference?*



# WALKING IN LOVE

(Ephesians 5:1-20)

***Being ignorant about our consuming habits is not an option.***

*If we truly believe in God's regeneration in our lives, our habits should follow a path of holiness and love towards all living things.*

*Caring for the poor, the oppressed, the future generations and all those living now.*

*"Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is."*

(15-17)

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A few ministries that work in this matter:

