





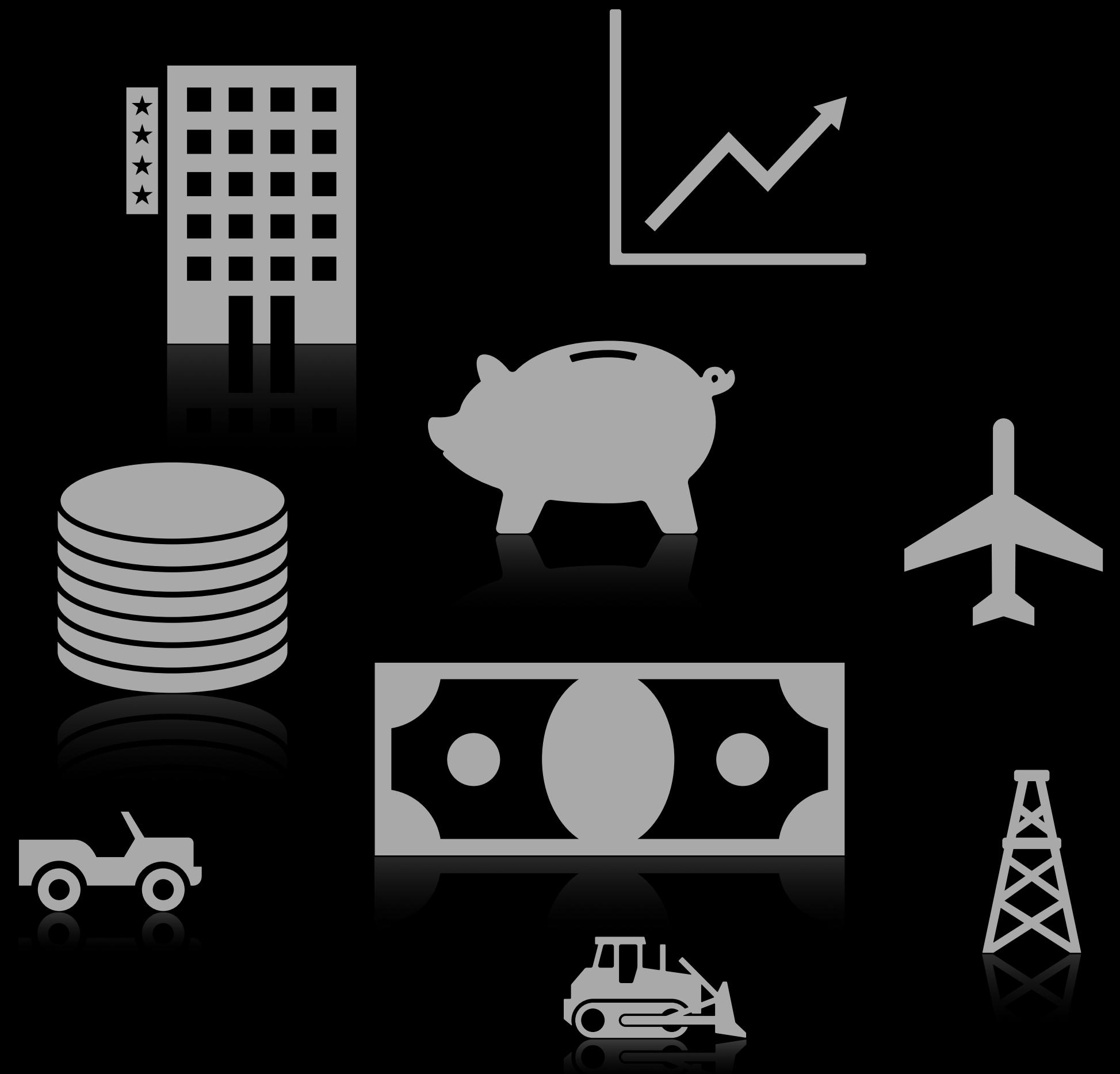
# Economics

Productivity

Wealth

Money

Markets



“Do not grow weary of doing good.”

## 2 Thess. 3:6-13

Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from every brother who leads an unruly life and not according to the tradition which you received from us.

## 2 Thess. 3:6-13

For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example, because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you,

## 2 Thess. 3:6-13

nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with labor and hardship we kept working night and day so that we would not be a burden to any of you;

## 2 Thess. 3:6-13

not because we do not have the right to this,  
but in order to offer ourselves as a model for  
you, so that you would follow our example.



## 2 Thess. 3:6-13

For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.

## 2 Thess. 3:6-13

For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies.

## 2 Thess. 3:6-13

Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread.

2 Thess. 3:6-13

But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary  
of doing good.

God's Word	Principle
“Unruly, undisciplined life”	Neglecting to work for income
“Didn't eat anyone's bread”	Not seeking handouts
“Labor for payment”	Profit
“Eat their own bread”	Personal property

## Ephesians 4:28

He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need.

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"Something to share"	Wealth for generosity

# Economics

The study of the use of scarce resources which have alternative uses



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*Oikos* - house, household

*Nomos* - law

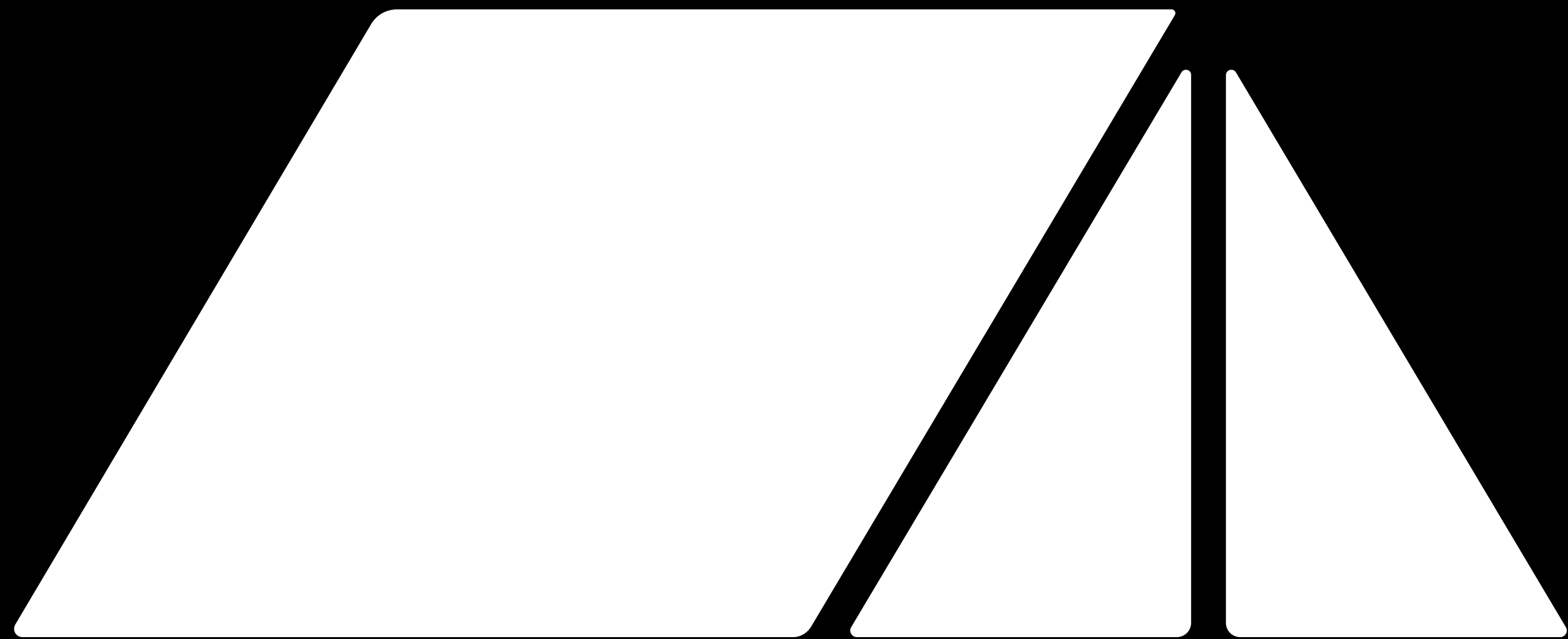
Stewardship

## Hebrews 1:2

In these last days has spoken to us in His Son,  
whom He appointed heir of all things,  
through whom also He made the world.

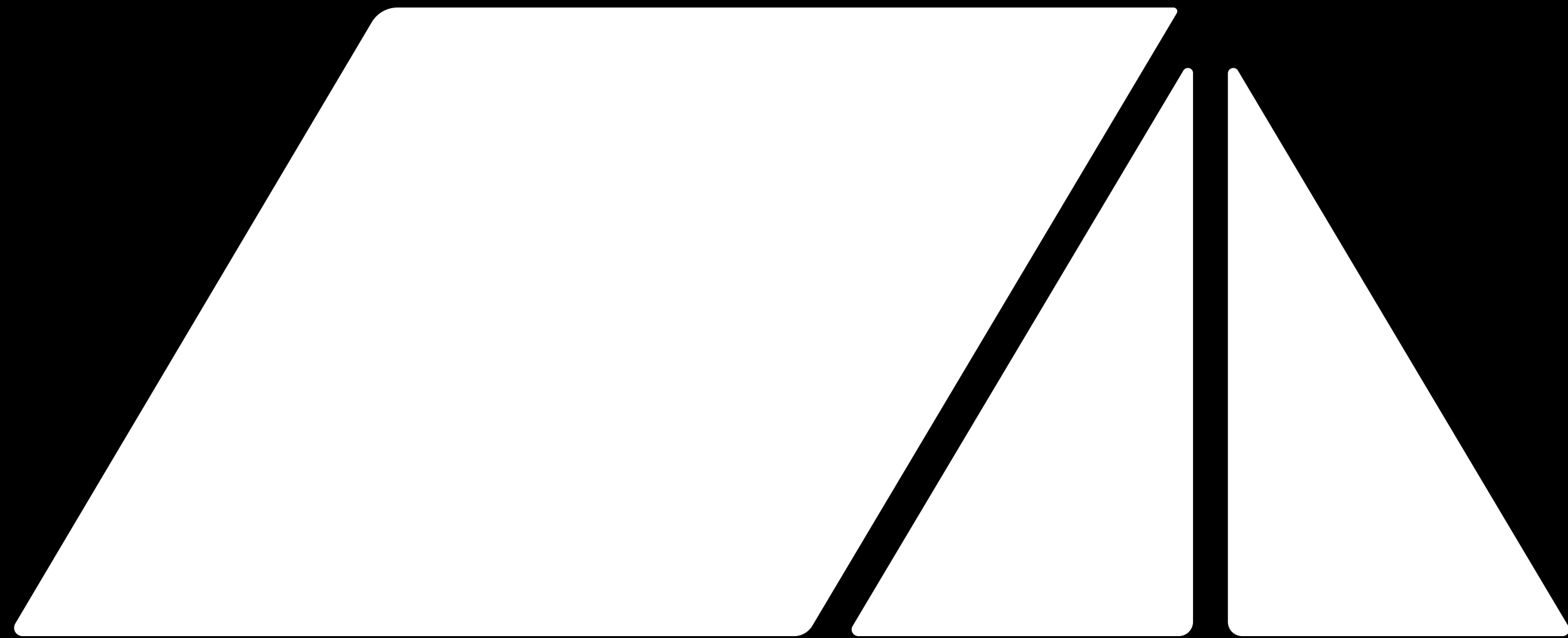
“Disciple the nations”

“Rule and subdue the earth”



# Capitalism/Free Markets

Principle	God's Word
Private property	“He who steals must steal no longer” (Eph. 4:28)
Income, salary	“The laborer is worthy of his wages” (Luke 10:7)
Owner/worker negotiation	“When he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard” (Matt. 20:2)
Rule of Law	“The king...for the punishment of evildoers” (1 Pet. 2:13-14)



Minimum wage

## Question 18

**What will be the course of this revolution?**

- (i) Limitation of private property through progressive taxation, heavy inheritance taxes, abolition of inheritance...

Draft of a *Communist Confession of Faith*, Frederick Engels

## Question 18

(iv) Organization of labor or employment of proletarians on publicly owned land, in factories and workshops, with competition among the workers being abolished and with the factory owners, in so far as they still exist, being obliged to pay the same high wages as those paid by the state.



## Question 18

(v) An equal obligation on all members of society to work until such time as private property has been completely abolished.

# Marxist/Leftist Economics

- Abolish private property
- Heavy, progressive taxation
- Forced wage increases
- Eliminate free market
- Minimum wage (living wage)

God's Word	Marxism/Leftism
Work for income	Gov't distributes wealth
Be self-sufficient	Gov't will provide
Profit is good	Profit is evil
Personal property/ownership	Gov't owns property
Wealth for generosity	Gov't will take care of the poor



