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PART THREE:
"Out in the World"
Jeremiah 29:5-7

MINING THE FIVE STONES
Our Core Values Unleashed

Out in the World

John 17:15

World: where God's kingdom is not

Kingdom: where God's way has its way

The three directives of Jeremiah 29:5-7

Lay down roots! (5)

In the World (barely)

A matter of intentionality

Beachheads

The Body of Christ

Spread out! (6)

In the World (but not really)

Withdrawing and Cloistering

The precedent of Israel: Leviticus 20:24,26

Securing identity to live differently in the world

When fear builds the wall

The switch: Unclean and clean

Jesus leads the way: Luke 8:2,3

Extend Shalom! (7)

(so deep) In the World (they have nothing to offer it)

Clash of kingdoms: John 18:36

Friendship with the world: James 4:4

The principle of the unequal yoke: 2 Corinthians 6:14-18

In the world but not of it

Yoked instead to Jesus, we have something to give

Shalom as wholeness: body and soul

Actions of sacrificial love

With words that explain where the love comes from

1 Peter 3:15,16

Telling your story

Telling the Bible's good news

God will give you words: Matthew 10:19

The Nugget and the Ring



The Third Stone: Starry Jasper

God promised Abraham more descendants more numerous than the stars in the heavens (Gen 15:5), and this was before he even had a son. This stone reminds us that God has a plan to adopt a very large family, and we, like Abraham, get to be mid-wives in His grand plan of adoption!