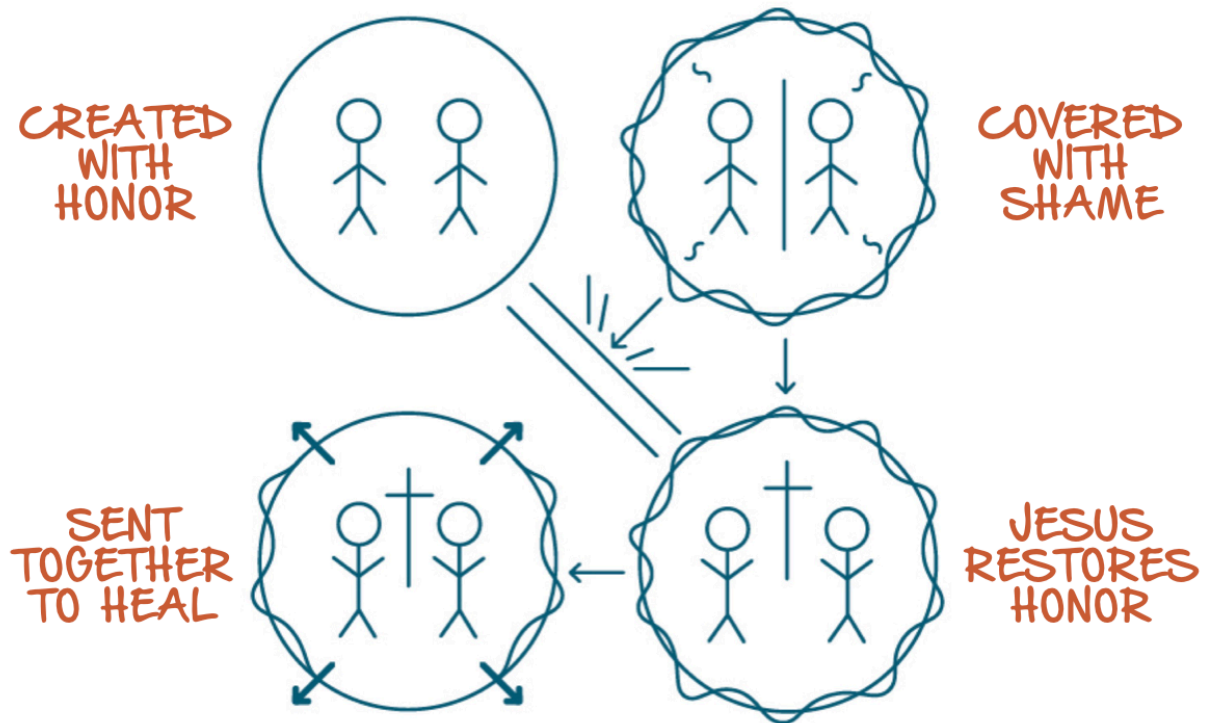


Honor, Shame and the Big Story

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- Watch the 3-min video at vimeo.com/306045117
- Read the step by step description on the next page.
- Practice with a friend.

Step-by-Step

Begin with: "Can I tell you what I believe about God and our world?"



"When you look at the world today, what do you see? What's on the news?"

There's pain, loss, anger, and suffering everywhere. But we all long for a better world. And God's Word says that a better world did exist...



1. Like a loving father, God created us as his children. As his family members, we represented his honorable name. People had peace inside themselves and with others, and God honored them by giving them authority to rule and care for the earth.

"We were created with honor." (Write "Created with Honor")

(Return to the 2nd Circle)



2. We rebelled against and broke relationship with God, dishonoring him and ourselves. Our disloyalty left us exposed in the world and broke our relationships with others as well. We try to save face by making excuses and lying, and to cover our shame through pursuing even "good" things like careers and possessions. But inside we sense that only a relationship with our Father can heal our shame.

"We're covered with shame." (Write "Covered with Shame")



3. Jesus is our mediator: He lived the perfectly honorable life that we are unable to live, then bore our shame and its full results: abandonment and death. His honorable death to save others broke the power of shame, and his resurrection shows the triumph of God and restores glory to God's name. By turning from our own selfish ways and giving our allegiance to Jesus, we share in his honor. We become members of God's family again and experience internal peace and harmony with others.

"Jesus restores honor." (Write "Jesus Restores Honor")



4. Being restored to God's honorable family, we are freed from the cycle of toxic shame. We go out together in his name and invite all people and all creation to receive God's healing. And God promises that the harmony we begin experiencing now will one day be made perfect and complete.

"We're sent together to heal." (Write "Sent Together to Heal")

"Where are you in this picture? ... Where would you like to be?"

("We can't get to the third or fourth circle by ourselves, because we cannot remove our own sin and shame. We need Jesus to be our mediator.")