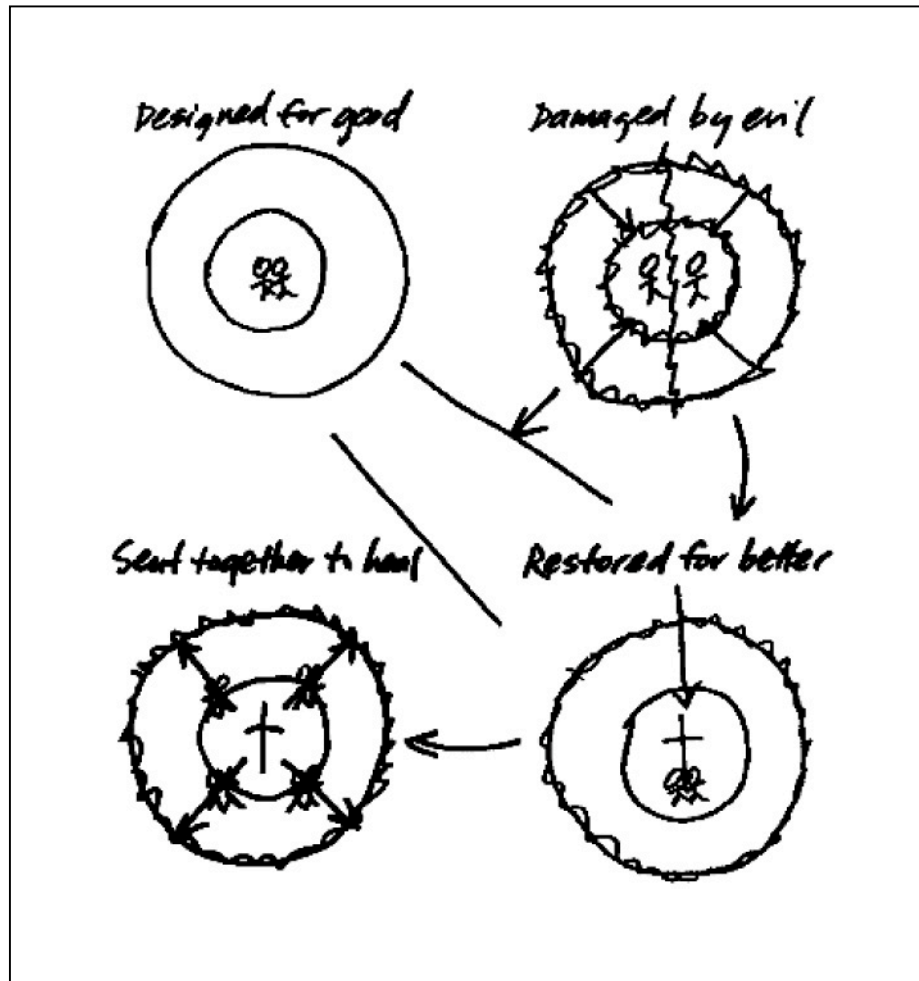


# The Big Story

Designed, Damaged, Restored, Sent



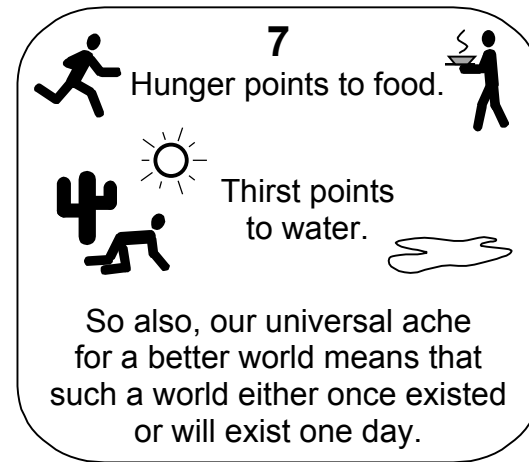
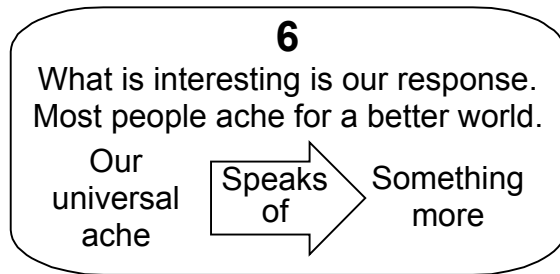
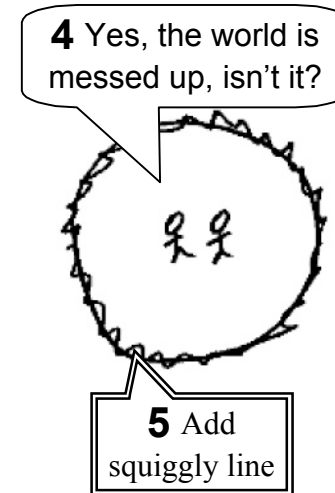
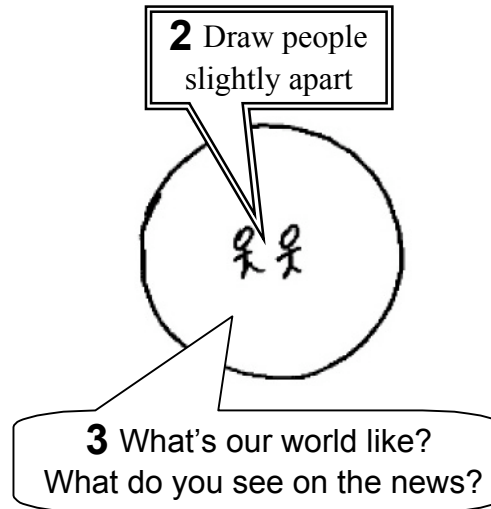
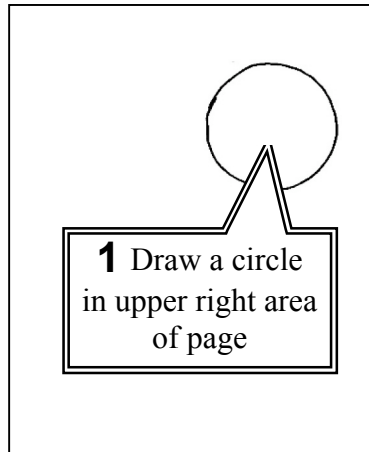
## Key Phrases

1. Our Universal Ache
  - Such a world either once existed or will exist one day
2. Designed for Good
  - The world and all that's in it
3. Damaged by Evil
  - We are all contributing to the mess.
4. Restored for Better
  - The revolution has begun, and we are all invited.
5. Sent Together to Heal
  - With these resources, Jesus is asking us
6. Jesus Makes It Happen
  - By trusting him, and giving him leadership over our lives,
7. Where Are You?
  - Will you trust him with your life?

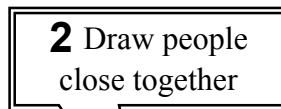
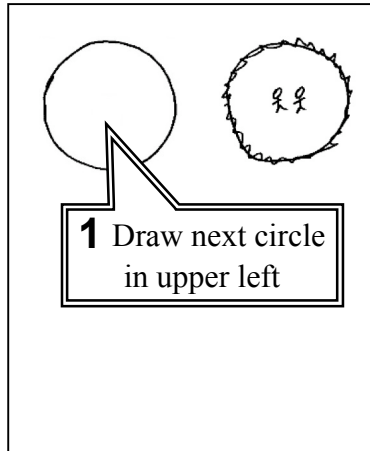
**1** Square boxes  
Show what to do

**2** Curved bubbles  
show what to say

# 1. Our Universal Ache

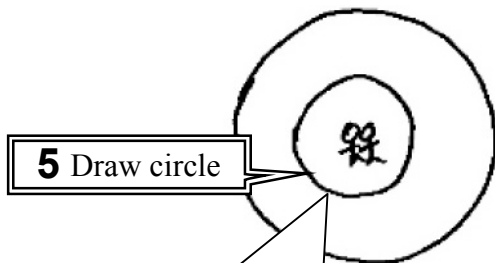


## 2. Designed for Good



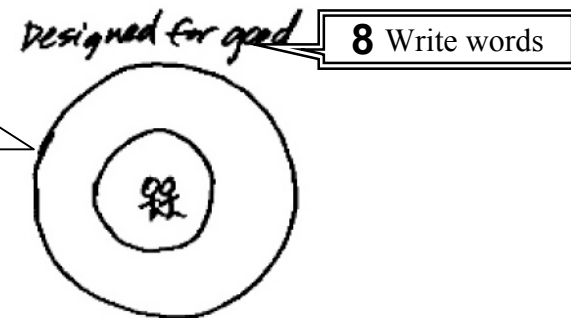
**3** In the Christian worldview, God created a good, wonderful world. Creation was designed to take care of us, and we were designed to take care of creation.

**4** People were designed to take care of each other, with the freedom to love and be loved, to serve and be served—in true community.



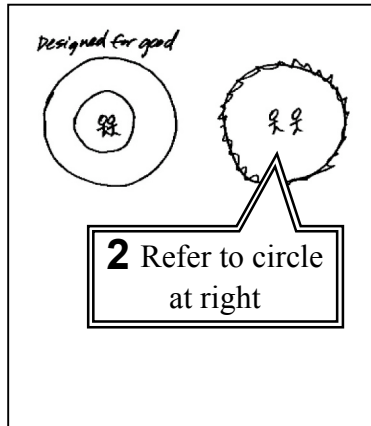
**6** We were designed to be in a loving, intimate relationship with God. God hung out with us and we liked being with him.

**7** The world and all that's in it were designed for good.

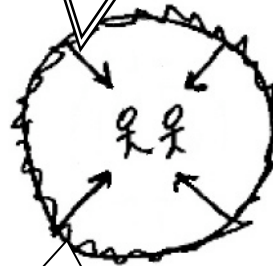


### 3. Damaged by Evil

**1** So what happened?  
How did we get in this mess?  
When God was in charge,  
we had a wonderful world.

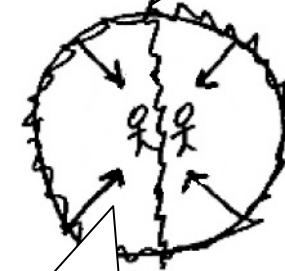


**3** Draw arrows



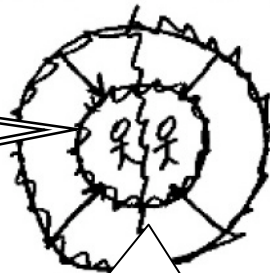
**4** When we tried to take over,  
it became all about us

**5** Draw Squiggly line  
between people



**6** We damage creation.  
We hurt each other—  
whether we mean to or not.

**7** Draw circle and  
squiggly line over it

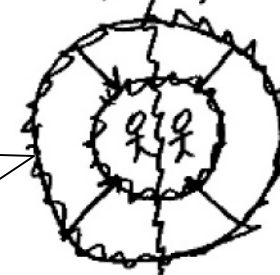


**8** Now, we are afraid of God.  
We try to ignore him and live  
for ourselves. But that means  
we can't be the kinds of people  
we want and dream to be

**10** Write words

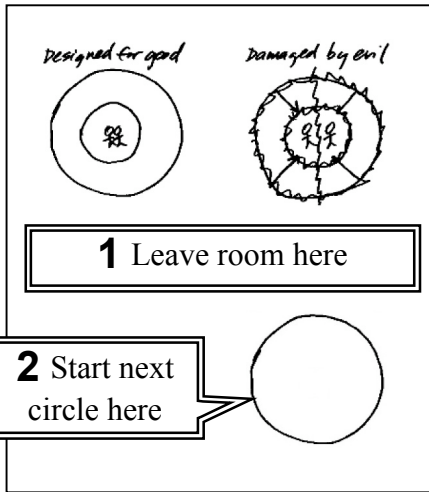
*Damaged by evil*

**9** We—and the world  
—are damaged by evil.  
We are all contributing  
to the mess.



**11** Where have you seen damage  
in your own life  
or the lives around you?

## 4. Restored for Better

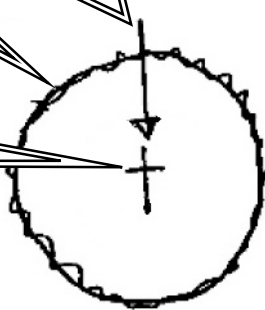


**3** God loved the world too much to leave it this way.

**4** Draw circle with squiggly line

**5** Draw arrow from above

**6** Draw cross in center



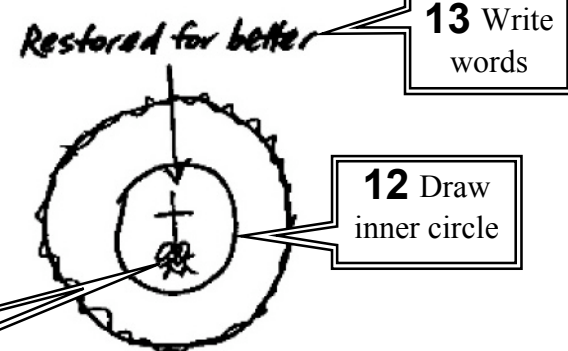
**7** God came to the planet 2000 years ago to start a new thing. He started a resistance movement against evil. This was not with military revolt or communal escapism. Instead, he taught us a better way to live. He wants to give us the power to overcome evil in us and around us.

**8** Jesus took on all the damage and died on the cross, letting it die with him. But then, he came back to life, proving that evil doesn't have the final word. And, in the mystery of faith, we, too, die with Jesus to truly live in him. In doing so, everything—including us—is restored for the better.

**9** He restored creation and all the world systems, so they can be used for good. He also restored our relationships, so we can love and forgive each other. Damaged relationships can be healed.

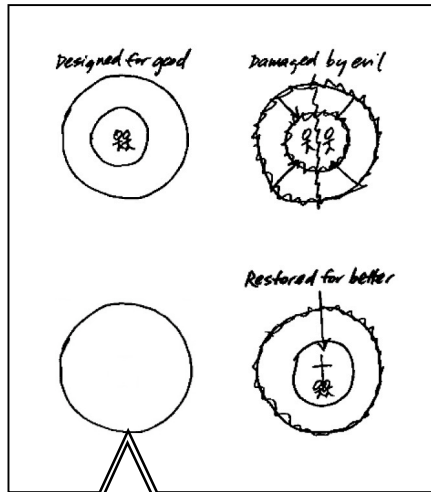
**10** Draw people close together at foot of cross

**11** Most importantly, God restored our relationship with himself. We don't have to live self-centered lives or be afraid of God anymore.



**14** The good news is: the revolution has begun, and we are all invited. Jesus came to restore the world and everything in it for the better.

## 5. Sent Together to Heal

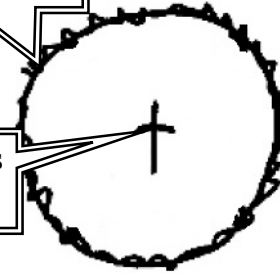


**1** Start last circle here

**2** Jesus wants us to join this resistance movement against evil, and go out to heal the world

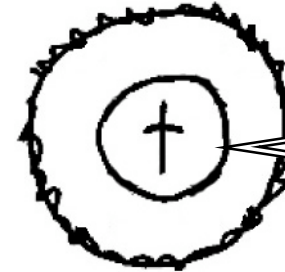
**3** Draw circle with squiggly line again

**4** Draw cross in center



**5** On a personal level, we are called to submit to Jesus' leadership and become more like him. We need to become the kind of good we want to see in the world. So, we admit our contribution to the damage, and trust Jesus, letting him take charge of our lives instead.

**6** Draw inner circle

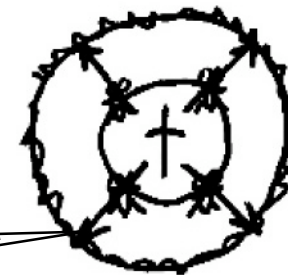


**7** As we are becoming more like Jesus, we are called to heal relationships—our own and others. We ask forgiveness, and forgive others. Then, we are freed to love each other.

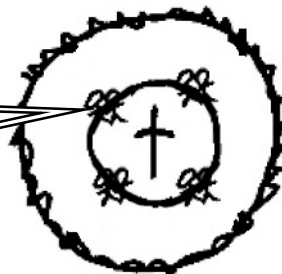
**9** On the bigger level, we are called to heal systems. We are called to heal the physical world. We are called to fight injustice and oppression.

*Sent together to heal*

**12** Write words



**8** Add four pairs of people on circle

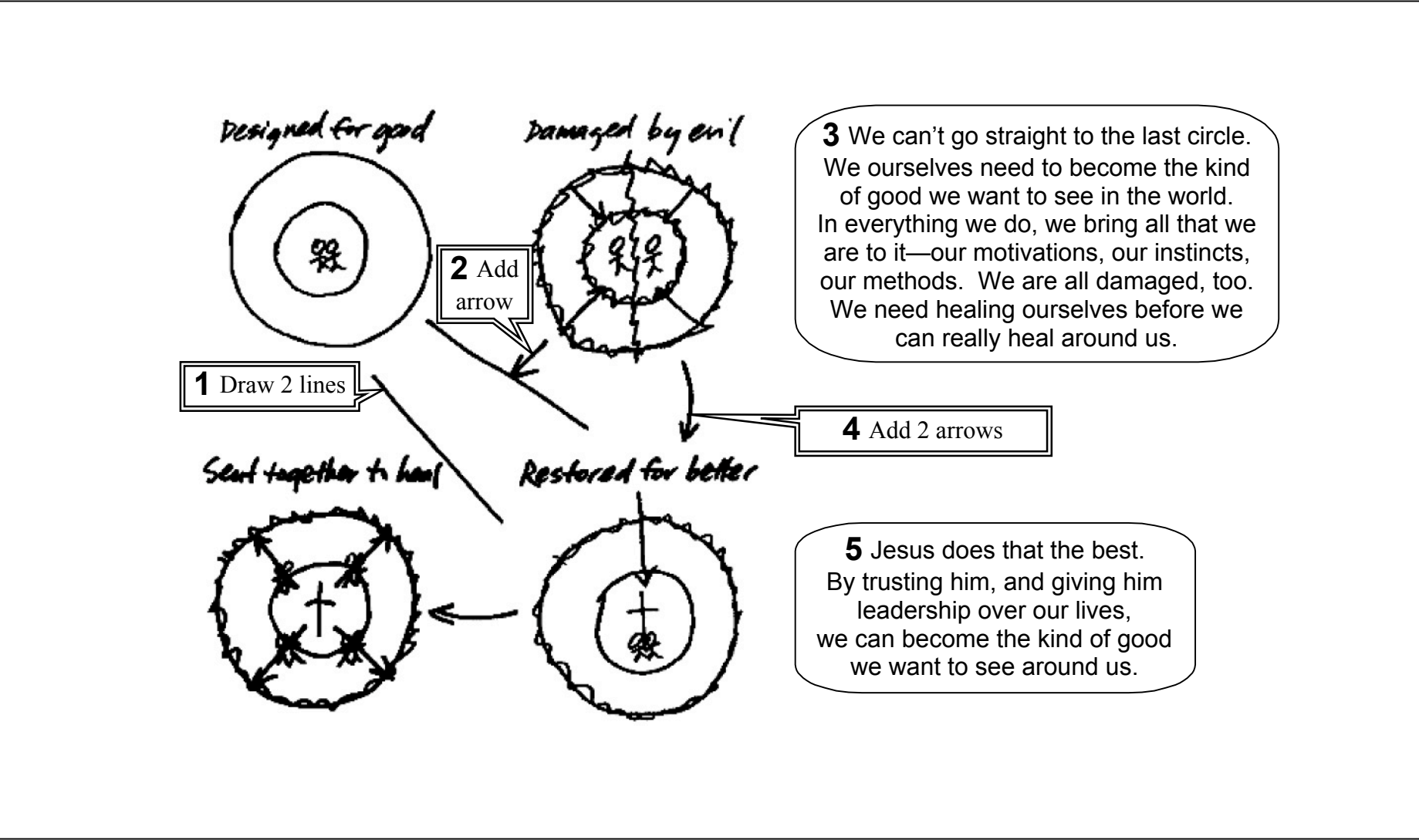


**10** Draw arrows outward

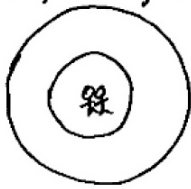
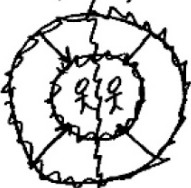
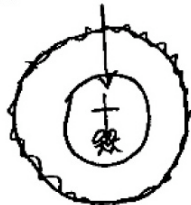

**11** We don't go alone, but with the power of God's Spirit and the commujniity of God's people. He will be with us.

**13** With these resources, Jesus is asking us to be sent together to heal the planet.

# 6. Jesus Makes It Happen



## 7. Where Are You?

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|---|--|---|--|
| <p><i>Designed for good</i></p>        | <p>So, which of these worlds do you relate to?</p> <p><b>1</b> Everything's fine</p>           | <p>We already said that the world needs help. What is your role in helping to heal the world?</p>   | <p>Would you like to let Jesus be leader of your life, and join his movement to heal the planet? Will you trust him with your life?</p>  |
| <p><i>Damaged by evil</i></p>          | <p><b>2</b> You are overwhelmed by world or personal problems</p>                              | <p>Tell me about it. .... Jesus is offering you a way to overcome it.</p>   | <p>If "Yes"...</p> <p>Great! Would you like to tell him that right now?</p> <p>(Prayer)</p>  |
| <p><i>Restored for better</i></p>     | <p><b>3</b> You have made some commitment to Jesus, but are holding back.</p>                  | <p>That's a great start! But it is clear that Jesus is asking you for more. What's keeping you from joining his movement to heal the world?</p> | <p>Would you like to meet other people who have asked Jesus to be leader and joined his movement? We read and study the Bible together to learn more about his plans for us. We meet on ....</p> |
| <p><i>Sent together to heal</i></p>  | <p><b>4</b> You are in the movement of God with his people.</p> <p><b>5</b> Where are you?</p> | <p>That's great! What you are doing is in line with the values of the Kingdom of God. You are part of something that lasts.</p>                 |  |