

### **3 Paradigm Word Sort**

For this activity you will be sorting the words in the table below. Each of these words probably relates most to one element of the Gospel story (God, Man, Sin, Jesus, Faith) and expresses a truth that is most "native" to one of the 3 paradigms.

In some cases a word may equally belong in more than one place, so you can repeat it in more than one place. Some words may be "neutral" and not belong to any of the paradigms, so you can place a word like that under one of the Gospel points, but without a connection to one of the paradigms.

Sacrifice	Ruler	Propitiation	Communion	Sovereignty	Co-laborer
Creator	Provider	Atonement	Punishment	Brother	Separated
Son	Servant	(Dis)obedience	(Un)righteousness	Restorer	Relationship
Redemption	Rebellion	Forgiveness	Redemption	Judge	Judge
Cleansing	Praise	Belief	Disciple	Salvation	Friend
Glory	Submit	Father	Reconciliation	Broken relationship	Companion

God – Guilt/Innocence	Man – Guilt/Innocence	Sin – Guilt/Innocence	Jesus – Guilt/Innocence	Faith – Guilt/Innocence
God – Honor/Shame	Man – Honor/Shame	Sin – Honor/Shame	Jesus – Honor/Shame	Faith – Honor/Shame
God – Fear/Power	Man – Fear/Power	Sin – Fear/Power	Jesus – Fear/Power	Faith – Fear/Power
God	Man	Sin	Jesus	Faith

**Questions for reflection and discussion:**

1. Was it difficult to complete this sorting activity? Why or why not?
2. What are some additional words that came to mind as you completed the sort?
3. In what way does seeing words and concepts sorted out in this way help clarify the way we talk about the Gospel?
4. If some of the cells, columns or rows had few words associated with them, what might this indicate about our understanding of the Gospel?
5. What are some words, in my cultural context, that were left off this list of American Gospel words?