

How to Share the Gospel

“praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.” Acts 2:47 ESV

Life change. It all begins with a conversation. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the most profound reality of life. But sharing the gospel with someone can be exhilarating for some and intimidating for others. No matter the circumstance when a relationship has been set up and the Holy Spirit creates passport between you and another... all you need to remember are **three circles, three arrows, and nine words**.

God's Design

We see beauty purpose and evidence of God's design around us. The Bible tells us that God originally planned a world that worked perfectly where everything and everyone fit together in harmony. God made each of us with a purpose to worship him and walk with him.

Sin

Life doesn't work when we ignore God and his original design for our lives. We selfishly insist on doing things our own way. The Bible calls this sin. We all sin and distort the original design. The consequence of our sin is separation from God...in this life and for all eternity.

Brokenness

Sin leads to a place of brokenness. We see this all around us and then our own lives as well. When we realize life is not working we begin to look for a way out. We tend to go in many directions trying different things to figure out on our own. Brokenness leads to a place of realizing a need for something greater.

Gospel

At this point, we need a remedy...some good news. Because of his love, God did not leave us in our brokenness. Jesus, God in human flesh, came to us and lived perfectly according to God's design. Jesus came to rescue us...to do for us what we could not do for ourselves. He took our sin and shame to the cross, paying the penalty of our sin by his death. Jesus was then raised from the dead...to provide the only way for us to be rescued and restored to a relationship with God.

Repent & Believe

Simply hearing this good news is not enough. We must admit our sinful brokenness and stop trusting in ourselves. We don't have the power to escape this brokenness on our own. We need to be rescued. We must ask God to forgive us...turning from sin to trust only in Jesus. This is what it means to repent and believe. Believing, we receive new life through Jesus and God turns our lives in a new direction.

Recover & Pursue

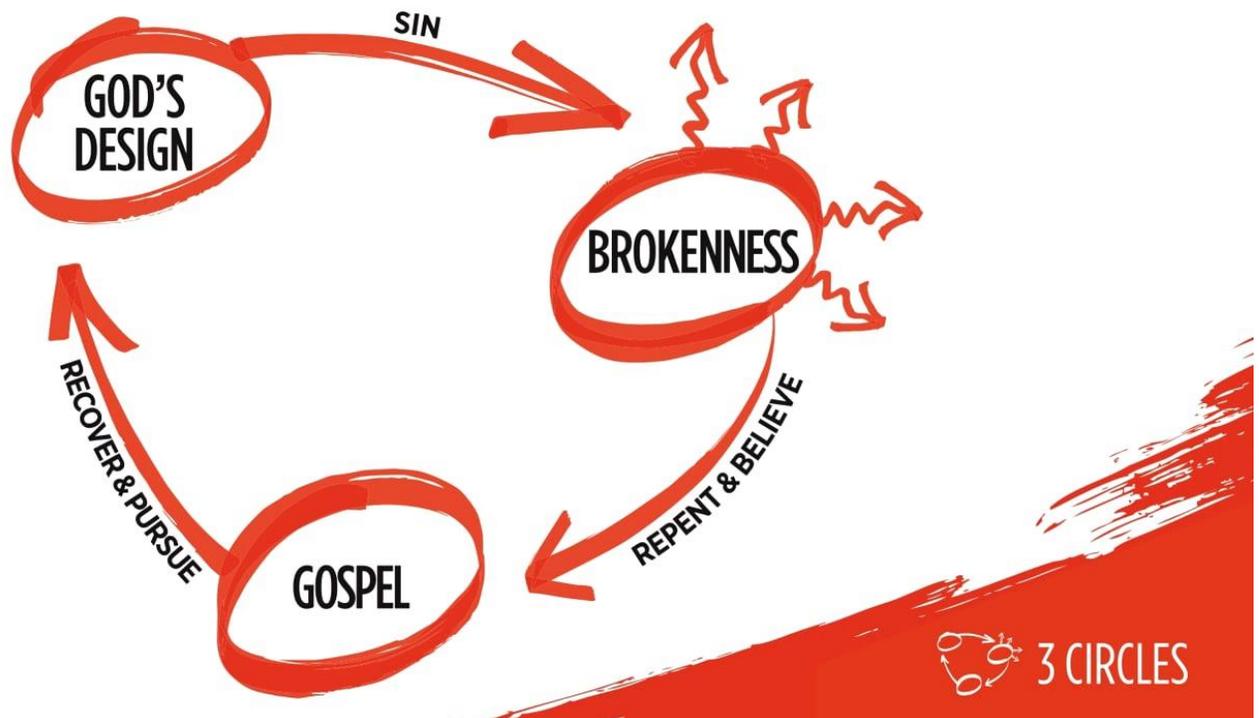
When God restores our relationship to him, we begin to discover meaning and purpose and a broken world. Now we can pursue God's design in all areas of our lives. Even when we fall, we understand God's pathway to be restored...this same good news of Jesus. God's spirit empowers us to pursue his design and assures us of his presence in this life and for all eternity.

To help you share this life changing and life-giving story we will show a visual called **“The 3 Circles.”**

This visual illustration shared below, and the brief story shared above is the main narrative of the Bible, and a handy tool for sharing the gospel in a brief and accessible way.

Situations in which you can use “The 3 Circles” Illustration:

- While sharing the gospel.
- While helping a new believer understand the main narrative of the Bible.
- When helping a follower of Jesus understand their mission and sharing the gospel.
- While training someone you are mentoring on how to share the gospel simply.
- Helping anyone see the beauty of God’s design and the destruction and sin and why we pursue God’s design with our lives.



If you can remember **three circles, three arrows, and nine words** then you can memorize this simple approach and be ready today! “Who is your One?”. Begin praying expectantly for the opportunity and the confidence to share.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16