

3 CIRCLES

Three circles is a simple illustration you can draw to help explain the gospel. Listed below is an example script to walk you through each step of the drawing. Don't feel like you have to memorize and deliver it word for word! Focus on the main concepts represented in the drawing but use language that allows you to explain the beauty of the gospel.

STEP 1: *draw a circle and write inside, God's Design*

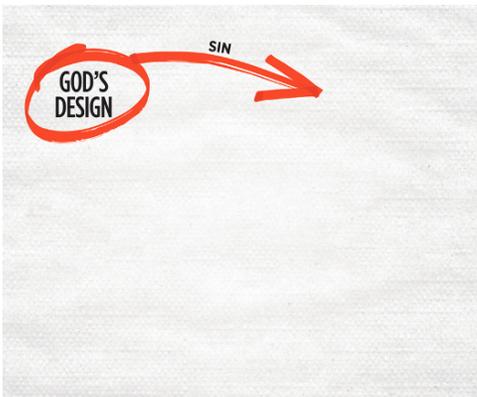


SCRIPT: "The Bible tells us that God has a design for every single area of our lives. He cares about everything and about us. He cares about our marriages; He cares about our parenting, our money, our jobs. He cares about every aspect of our lives. And the Bible says that if we operate our lives according to God's design, then we'll live in God's blessing."

STEP 2: *draw a line or arrow out from the first circle*

SCRIPT: "The problem is that every single one of us has a tendency to depart from God's design because we want to do things our own way. We depart from God's design."

STEP 3: *write "SIN" above the line or arrow you drew out from the first circle*

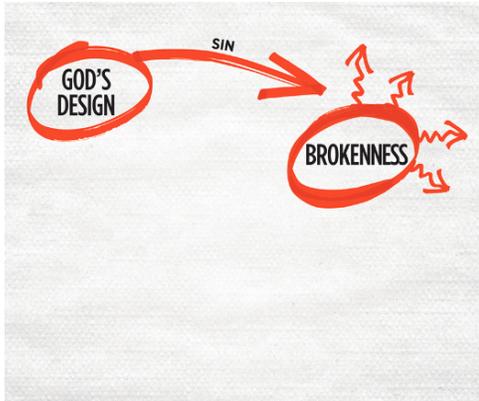


SCRIPT: "The Bible has a word for this, and the word is 'Sin.' The Bible says that all of us have sinned, and we all fall short of God's design for our lives."

STEP 4: *draw a second circle and write inside, "Brokenness"*

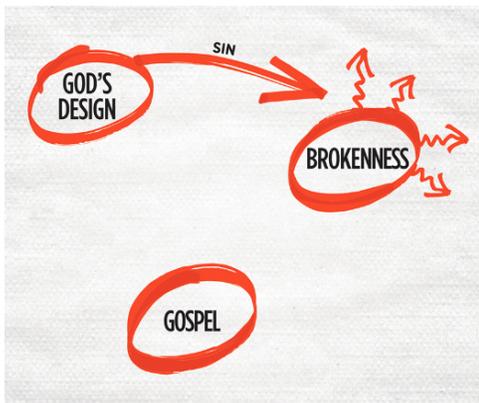
SCRIPT: "When we sin against God and depart from His design, we experience what we call "Brokenness." Now, we've all been in broken places in our lives. Brokenness feels like shame, it feels like regret, emptiness, it's the feeling of being used, it's loneliness. When we end up in brokenness, though, it feels like a bad thing, but in a lot of ways, it has the potential to be a good thing because it calls our attention to the need to change."

STEP 5: draw squiggly lines out from the circle for relationship, money, etc. as you discuss



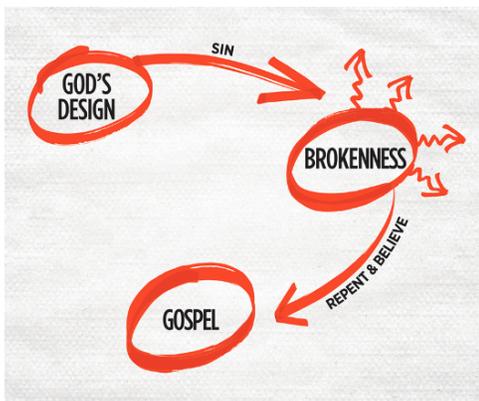
SCRIPT: “When we're in brokenness, we try to change things, and so we dive into another relationship, or we try to make more money, or we try to numb the pain of our brokenness with drugs and alcohol. But whatever it is, we figure out that the change we need can't really come from inside us. The change that we really need comes from outside of us. And the Bible says there's very good news for every one of us, and the good news is that God wants to heal the broken places in our lives.”

STEP 6: draw a third circle and write inside, “Gospel”



SCRIPT: “The Bible has a word for ‘good news,’ and the word is ‘Gospel.’ And the gospel is the simple story of how Jesus Christ, the Son of God, He came to earth as a man, He died on the cross for the sins of the world, and He was raised from the dead. Now when Jesus was dying on the cross, God did a miracle. He took the sins of the world, that's your sins and my sins, and He put them on Jesus. But then, when God raised Jesus from the dead, God proved that Jesus could do everything for us that He said He could do. He can forgive us of our sins, and He can heal the broken places in our lives.”

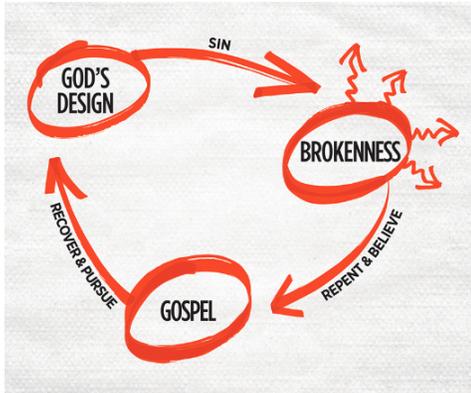
STEP 7:



SCRIPT: “So the kind of change we need doesn't come from out there (point to second circle, Brokenness) in the world somewhere, (draw a line or arrow from the 2nd circle to the third and write the word ‘REPENT’) the kind of change we need comes from the gospel, and the Bible has a word for the kind of change that we need, and that word is ‘Repent.’

SCRIPT: “Repent means to change our mind, to change our heart, to change our direction. (write ‘+ BELIEVE’ next to REPENT) And when we repent of our sins, and we believe the gospel story - the story of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus - then the Bible says that Jesus comes into our lives, He forgives our sins, and He begins to heal the broken places in our lives.”

STEP 8: draw a line or arrow from “Gospel” circle to “God’s Design” circle and write “RECOVER + PURSUE”



SCRIPT: And because He does that, then we have the opportunity to recover and pursue God's design for our lives. Now when God comes into our life, He then takes us, and He sends us back out into a broken world as ambassadors for his kingdom so others can find out about how Jesus can heal them also.

WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?

THE BIBLE SAYS:

- “If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” - Romans 10:9
- “For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” -Romans 10:13

Now that you have heard this good news, God wants you to respond to Him. You can talk to Him using words like these:

- *My Life is broken- I recognize it's because of my sin. I need you*
- *I believe Christ came to live, die, and was raised from the dead to rescue me from my sin.*
- *Forgive me. I turn from my selfish ways and put my trust in You.*
- *I know that Jesus is Lord of all, and I will follow him.*

WHAT'S NEXT?

THE BIBLE SAYS:

- “But these are written so that you may believe Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and by believing you may have life in His name.” - John 20:31
- “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you” -Matthew 6:33
- “Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him.” - Colossians 2:6

As we begin to trust in the Lord, the Bible teaches us how to pursue God. He has a design for healthy relationships.

- **PRAYER-** God wants you to talk to him about everything.
- **CHURCH-** The local church is God's family to help you walk with Him.
- **BIBLE-** The Bible reveals God's design- showing who He is and how to pursue Him.
- **SHARE-** Now that you have experienced this good news tell others.