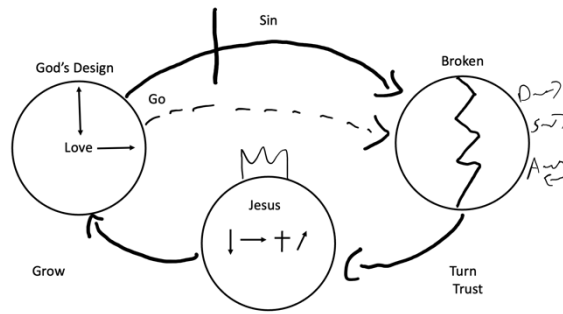
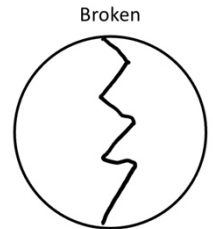


Three Circles: How To Share



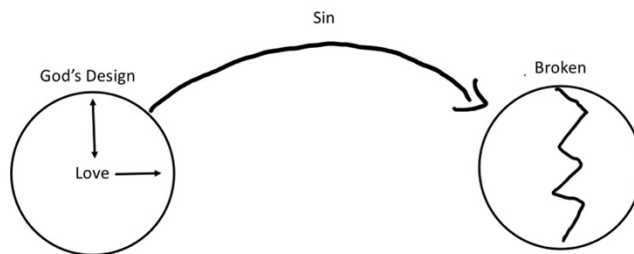
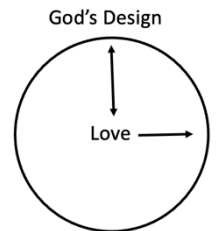
1. The World is broken

- This beautiful world is broken in selfishness and suffering.
- We see this brokenness around us (throughout the world), between us (in relationships), and inside us (in our own life).
- Key question:** How do you see brokenness around you, between you in relationships, and inside of you?



2. God's loving design

- This brokenness not according to God's design
- God designed this world by His love and for His love.
- He designed us to love.
- Jesus says the greatest commandment is, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" and "39 You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
- Key question:** What would the world look like if we followed this loving design?

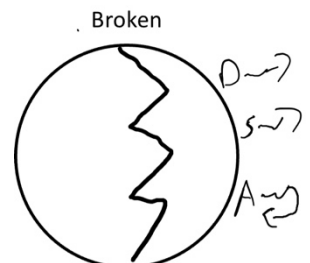


3. Sin

- We have all forsaken God's loving design to follow our own way. The Bible calls this sin.
- Jeremiah 2:13 says we have all commit two evils: We forsake God, who is the fountain of living water, and we dig for ourselves broken wells which cannot hold water.
- Key Question:** In Jeremiah's definition of sin what do we mistake about God and the world?
- We have forsake God's love and His law and fill our lives with God substitutes.
- We exchange the truth and glory of the immortal God for fading and fleeting pleasures.
- We even worship and serve the creation rather than the creator. This is the reason for our brokenness.

4. Escaping brokenness

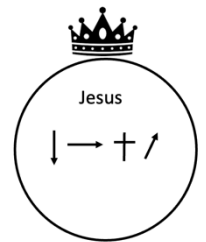
- We try to escape brokenness in many ways.
- We try to escape brokenness through distraction.
- We distract ourselves from awareness of our brokenness.
 - We try to avoid awareness with entertainment, social media, and recreation.
 - But brokenness is everywhere and unavoidable.



- d. We try to escape brokenness through satisfaction.
 - i. We try to satisfy the emptiness of our brokenness with relationships and sex, drinking and drugs, food and any pleasure.
 - ii. But this temporary satisfaction does not fulfill an eternal longing.
- e. We try to escape brokenness through achievement.
 - i. We achieve goals to prove we are better than our brokenness.
 - ii. We prove ourselves at work, at school, and at home.
 - iii. Even in religion we try to prove we are not moral failures by living a moral life.
 - iv. But we are all stuck in our past failures and stumbling in the present.
- f. **Key Question's: Which way do you often try to escape brokenness: distraction, satisfaction, or achievement?**
- g. None of these "escapes" actually fix our brokenness. They are like a bungee cable which snaps us back into brokenness.
- h. Our greatest suffering is not temporary but eternal.
 - i. 2 Thessalonians 1:9 says that those who forsake God's love and law will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction away from the presence of the Lord and the glory of His might.
 - j. What will save us from this eternal suffering?

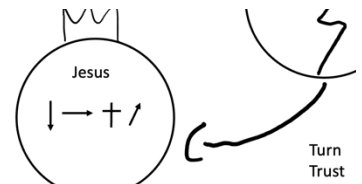
5. Jesus saves

- a. Because God loves the world, He sent His only son Jesus to save the world..
- b. Jesus entered our broken world of sin and suffering.
- c. 1 Peter 3:18 says, Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit."
- d. Jesus saves us as our substitute.
- e. Jesus does for us what we could never do for ourselves.
- f. **Key Question: According to 1 Peter 3:18, what does Jesus do to save us?**
- g. Jesus lived for us.
- h. Because Jesus was both God and man, he lived a perfect and righteous life for the unrighteous. He did this to give us unrighteous people His perfect, righteous record.
- i. Jesus died for us. Jesus suffered once for sins. He died on the cross to take the full punishment we deserve for all our sins, once for all.
- j. Jesus rose for us, Jesus was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the Spirit. Jesus rose to overcome and restore us from the brokenness of sin and suffering to God's loving design.
- k. And He will restore all the brokenness in this world.
- l. Jesus reigns right now as the victorious king of creation.



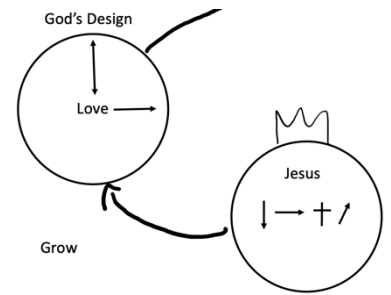
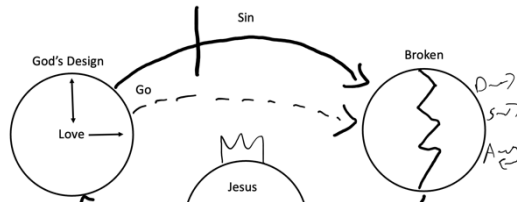
6. Turn and trust in Jesus

- a. Since Jesus alone is the savior and king, we must turn and trust in Jesus alone to be saved in our brokenness.
- b. We must turn from our selfishness and self-salvation projects to Jesus the King
- c. We surrender our sin and our attempts to fix our sin ourselves.
- d. We surrender to Christ's rule and seek His rescue.
- e. And we trust in Jesus' saving work alone: His life for our life, His death for our death, His resurrection for our restoration.



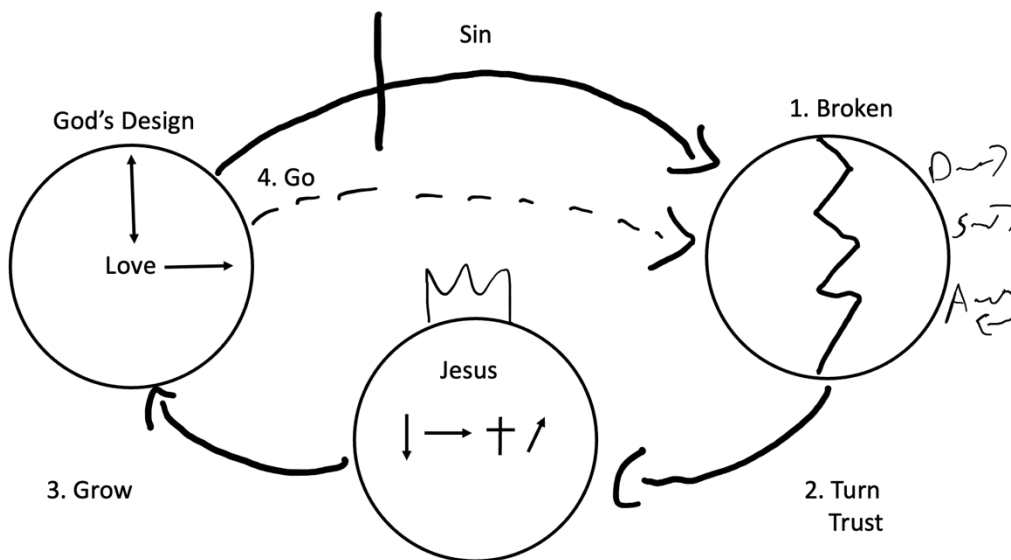
7. Grow in God's love according to God's design

- All who turn and trust in Jesus will be brought to God into a relationship.
- The same Spirit of God that resurrected Christ, restores us to grow in God's love, according to God's design.



8. Go on mission

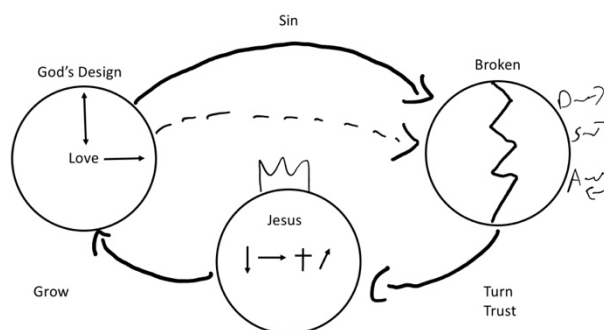
- We are also sent to go on mission to this broken world to share the good news of Jesus and serve our broken community.



9. Where are you in this diagram?

- Are you stuck in brokenness, seeking life apart from God?
- Are you saved in your brokenness through Christ alone?
- Are you growing by God's Spirit, in God's love, according to God's design?
- Are you going to the broken world to share the good news of Jesus and serve your broken community?
- Wherever you are, I want to encourage you to take one step to turn and trust in Jesus and to grow and go with Jesus.

The Three Circles Process



1. **Develop a Relationship:** Seek to connect relationally and love practically those in your circle of influence (Where you live, work and play).

1 Thessalonians 2:8 ⁸“So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.”

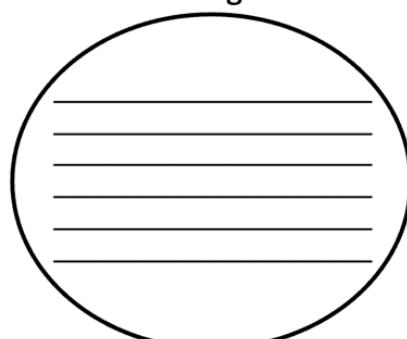
- a. **Time:** When can you regularly spend quality and quantity of time with people?
- b. **Passion:** How can you discover and share in their personal passions?
- c. **Needs:** How can you come alongside them to serve them in their needs?

2. **Discern the Three Circles of their Worldview:** Observing their life. What do they believe regarding the design of the world, the brokenness of the world, and the solution to this brokenness?

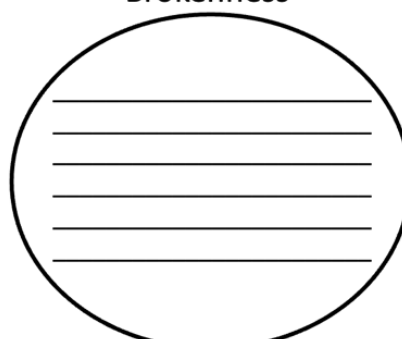
Acts 17:22-23 ²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

- a. **Design:** What do they believe is the purpose of our existence in the world? Do they believe in a God who designed the world or do they believe the world came into existence some other way? Do they believe there is meaning outside of us to discover or do we just make up our own personal meaning?
- b. **Brokenness:** What do they believe is fundamentally wrong with the world? Where do they see brokenness around them, between them in relationship, and even inside of them?
- c. **Solution:** If they don’t believe that Jesus is the solution to the brokenness, what do they think will actually fix this broken world? How are they distracting themselves from brokenness, satisfying the emptiness of brokenness, or trying to achieve to overcome personal or worldwide brokenness?

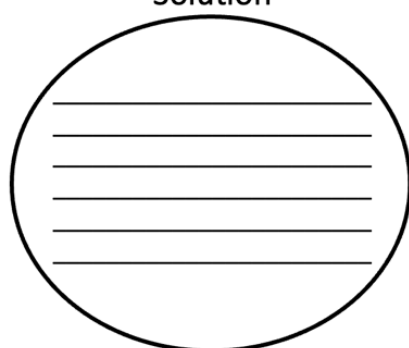
Design



Brokenness



Solution



3. **Discuss:** Listen for and engage in conversations about the design of the world, what is broken in the world, and what possible solutions will resolve the brokenness.

Colossians 4:2-6 “²Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— ⁴that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

⁵Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.”

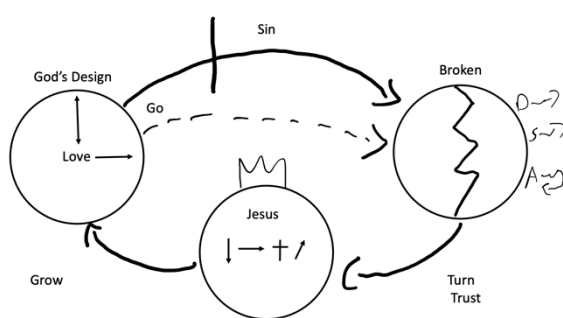
- a. **Affirm:** Whenever you discuss some aspect of the design, brokenness, and solution in the world, be quick to affirm whatever is consistent with a Biblical worldview.
- b. **Explore:** Follow up with the person when they begin to share a different view than the Biblical view and seek to understand where they come from and why they believe what they believe.
- c. **Identify:** Identify as a Christian in some way and look for opportunities to share more about how the Lord saved you from brokenness to God’s design through the Gospel.
- d. **Compare:** Look for opportunities to compare their worldview with a Biblical worldview, noting similarities and differences.
- e. **Expose:** Expose the limits and problematic aspects of the person’s worldview.
- f. **Explain:** Explain why you believe a Gospel-centered, Biblical worldview better accounts for the beauty, brokenness, and resolution to brokenness for the world.

4. **Discover:** Invite them to discover the Biblical worldview through an evangelistic Bible Study.

John 4:39-42 “³⁹Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

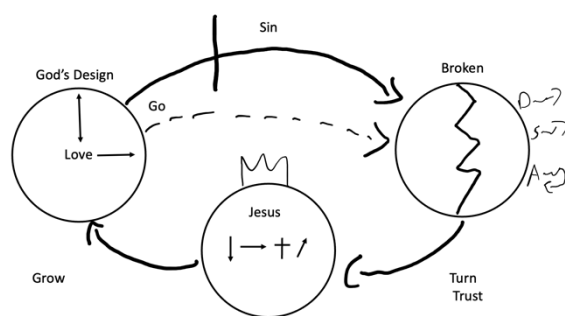
- a. **Diagram:** Draw out the Three Circles Gospel diagram to give the big picture of the Gospel.
- b. **Select:** Select an evangelistic resource that will help you investigate the claims of the Gospel: Becky Pippert’s *Discovering the Real Jesus* and *Uncovering the Life of Jesus*, Q Place, Randy Pope’s *Life Issues Booklets*, Tim Chester’s *The World We All Want*.
- c. **Schedule:** Schedule a time to meet regularly in order to investigate the claims of the Gospel.

Follow up with Three Circles



1. Stuck in Brokenness and not turning to trust in Jesus:
 - a. What ways do you try to escape brokenness personally: Through distraction, satisfaction, or achievement?
 - b. Which circle do you have a hard time believing: Brokenness Circle, Jesus Circle, or God's Design circle? Why is this difficult for you to believe?
 - c. Would you be willing to explore the claims of the Gospel to understand more about how Jesus saves us from our brokenness to God's design? I recommend using Gospel investigation resources like Becky Pippert's *Discovering the Real Jesus*, Randy Pope's *Life Issues Booklets*, Q Place, or Tim Chester's *The World We All Want*.
 - d. Plan times to connect relationally with this person. He/she is not a project, but a person.
2. Saved in brokenness, but not growing in God's loving design:
 - a. What barriers keep you from growing in God's love, according to God's design?
 - i. I don't know how to grow in God's love.
 - ii. I am not aware of what God's design for life is.
 - iii. I have not scheduled time to grow in God's love.
 - b. If God's design is not the primary direction for your life, what most directly influences the direction of your life (the media, your school, your friends, your family, etc.)?
 - c. Would you be willing to explore with me how to grow in God's love and discover God's design for your life?
3. Growing in God's loving design, but not going on mission to the broken world:
 - a. What connections do you have with non-Christians? Write their names in a prayer journal.
 - b. How can you begin building relationships that move from basic information, to likes and interest, to their loves and life goals, to spiritual discussion?
 - c. How can you get better equipped at sharing the Gospel by referencing certain scriptures, using a Gospel Diagram like Three Circles, or Gospel investigation resources like Becky Pippert's *Discovering the Real Jesus*, Randy Pope's *Life Issues Booklets*, or Tim Chester's *The World We All Want*.
 - d. What are areas of brokenness in your family, neighborhood or work that you can begin serving in to help?
4. Growing in God's love and going on mission.
 - a. How do you personally approach growth in God's love and design?
 - b. How do you live on mission to restore this broken world?
 - c. Would you be willing to partner with me in doing this work in this city?

Adapting the Three Circles Diagram



- Starting with God's Design rather than Brokenness:
 - You may want to start with God's Design in order to begin with God's purpose.
 - If you do this, then you will just add the awareness of brokenness and escape together after discussing God's design.
 - Some people may be skeptical about God and His design for life, so it may be better to start with where you agree: The World is Broken!
- Use Your own verses to discuss God's design:
 - Matthew 22:36-40
 - Genesis 1:26-28
 - Colossians 1:15-16
 - Psalm 8
- Use your own verses to discuss sin/brokenness:
 - Jeremiah 2:13
 - Isaiah 53:6
 - Romans 3:23
 - Romans 6:23
- Use your own verses to discuss Christ's saving work:
 - 1 Peter 3:18
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21
 - Colossians 2:13-15
 - Colossians 1:21-2
 - Romans 3:21-26
- Focus on one specific aspect of brokenness and God's design based on the person. (You would still use the same Jesus circle while emphasizing how his life, death, and resurrection save).
For instance:
 - The brokenness of injustice and God's design for justice and flourishing.
 - The brokenness of addiction and God's design for freedom.
 - The brokenness of hostile relationships and God's design for loving relationships.
 - The brokenness of depression, anxiety, and anger and God's design for hope, peace, and peace-making.

