

Three Circles Evangelism Guide:

How to share the gospel

Introduction

This guide is designed to help Christians share their faith by incorporating a tool called three circles evangelism. This tool provides a method of turning everyday conversations about brokenness into everyday conversations about Christ. The goal of '3 Circles' is to equip Christians to share their faith with non-Christians.

Overview of 3 Circles

This tool helps Christians to share the gospel using three simple circles.

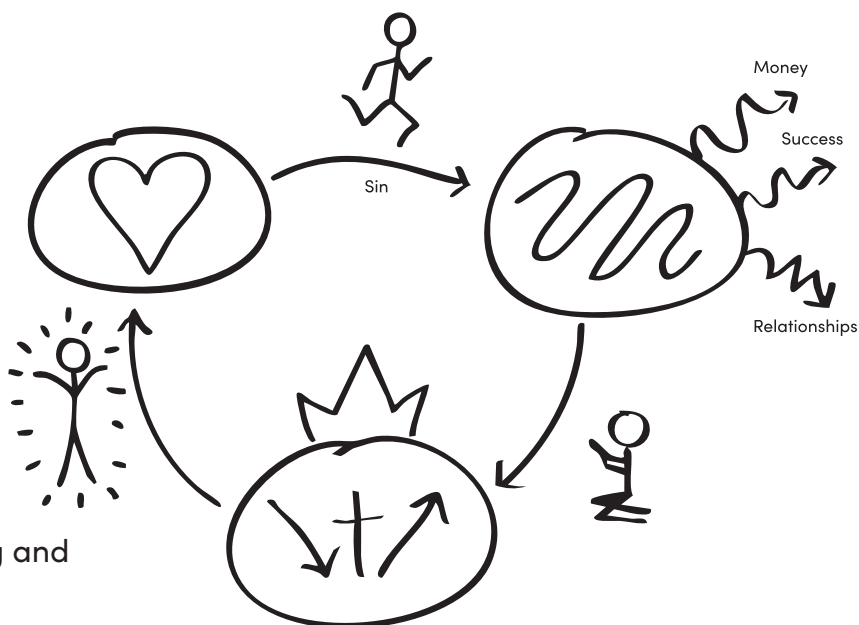
These represent
(1) God's Design
(2) Brokenness
(3) the Gospel

They also illustrate how accepting and submitting to Jesus will grow faith and lead to God's perfect design.

"Three Circles" is something that people easily understand. All you need to have is a pen and paper, or napkin, or hand!

The method provides quick answers to common questions of faith:

- What was GOD's DESIGN?
- How did we depart from God's Design through SIN?
- Can anyone escape BROKENNESS and what does BROKENNESS feel like?

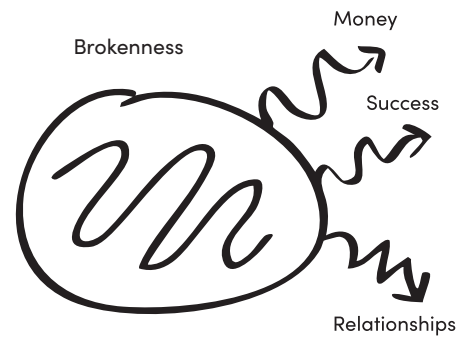


Explaining the gospel using three Circles

1. Draw a circle and label it "Brokenness".

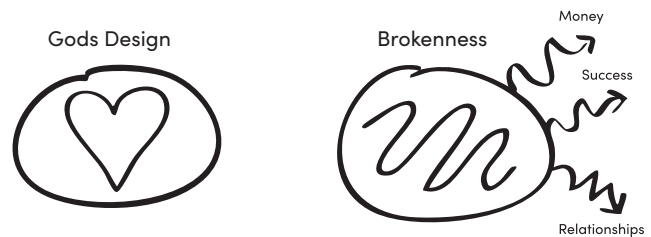
Draw several squiggly arrows out from it and looping back to 'Brokenness'. We are trying to show no matter what we do it just boomerangs back to brokenness

Conversation Example: "We live in a world of brokenness, full of hurting people hurting each other. We try escaping brokenness by focusing on career, gaining money, overachieving, drugs, gambling, or alcohol. But all this just leads to greater brokenness. I overachieved, and had a long string of failed relationships. But in the end I just felt more pain."



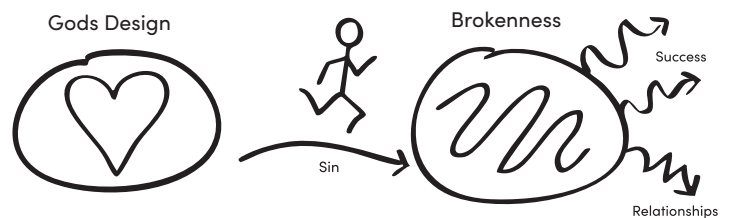
2. On the left, draw a second circle, and write "God's Design" above.

Conversation Example: "Brokenness was not God's original design! God's design was perfect, like Himself, with no brokenness present." (Draw heart to symbolize God's love).



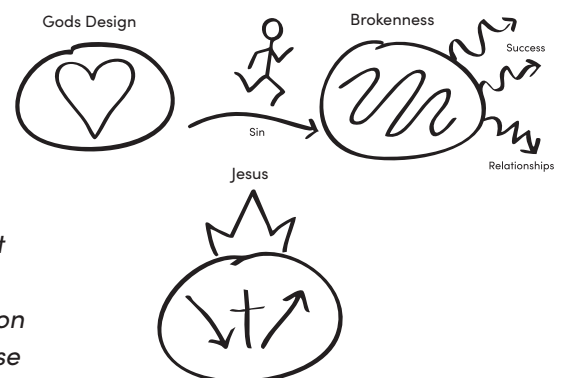
3. Draw an arrow from God's Design to Brokenness and label it "Sin".

Conversation Example: "Each of us has rebelled against God and walked away from His perfect design. The Bible calls this sin, and this leaves us in brokenness. Are you familiar with the concept of sin? Do you see this in your own life?"



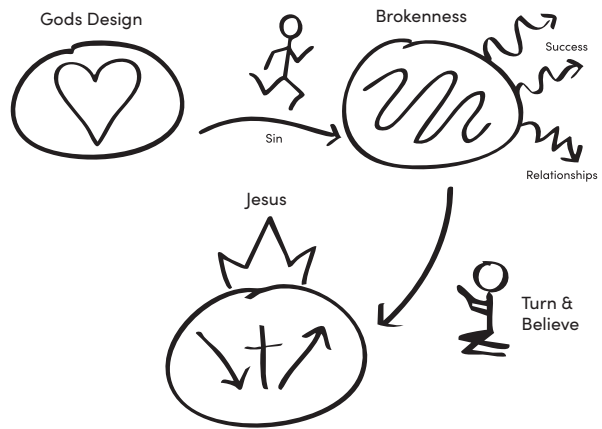
4. Draw a third circle below and between the first two (forming an upside-down triangle of circles), and write "Jesus" above it.

Conversation Example: "God saw we could not escape our brokenness on our own, so God demonstrated his love towards us!" Now draw a down-arrow below Jesus' name inside the circle. "God sent Jesus to the earth. Jesus was perfect and lived a perfect life, because He was God." Next draw a cross next to the down-arrow. "He suffered a horrible death on a cross to take our sin upon Himself." Next draw an up-arrow next to the cross. "Then Jesus rose again proving that He has power over death! He's alive!"



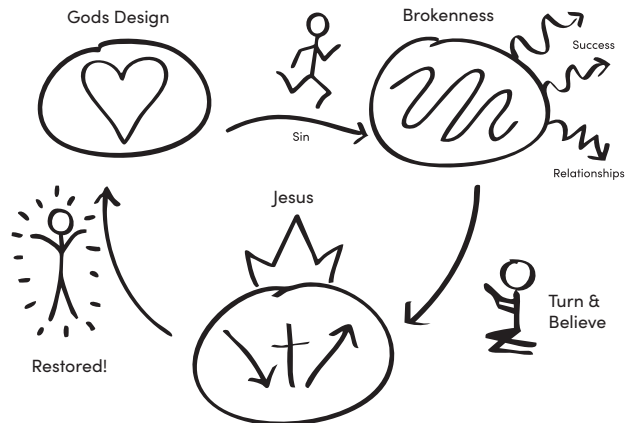
5. Draw a line from Brokenness to Jesus, draw a king's crown and write Turn and Believe (or follow).

Conversation Example: "Jesus tells all people to repent and turn from your sins. He also tells us to believe that He died for your sin and that God raised Him from the dead and to follow Jesus as king of your life. Jesus promises that if you do that you will be forgiven and restored back to God's design!"



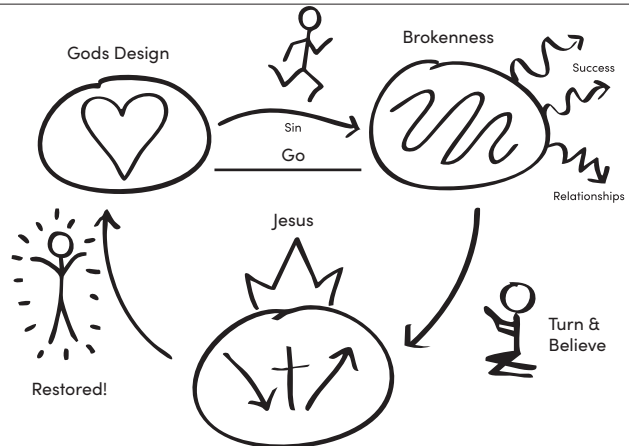
6. Draw a line from Jesus to God's Design and label it "Restored."

Conversation Example: "If we turn and believe in Jesus we can leave this world of brokenness and be restored into a relationship with God and pursue His design."



7. Draw a line from God's Design to Brokenness and write "Go" above it.

Conversation Example: "More than that, God then sends us back into this "Brokenness" to tell others about the good news of Jesus Christ."



8. After the diagram is drawn

Conversation Example: Ask them, "Where do you see yourself? Are you in God's perfect design or are you currently in brokenness?" Their answer to this will help you understand where they see themselves in relation to God and give them an opportunity to respond to follow Jesus. This can be followed by your testimony.

Group Practice

Break off into pairs and practice the "Three Circles" evangelism method on each other.