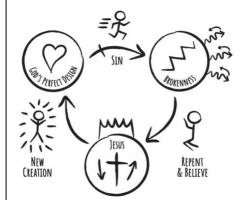


3 Circles

1. Broken World

If you look in the news or your Facebook feed it is very clear that we live in a broken world, filled with lots of death, disease, and suffering. *ASK: What brokenness have you experienced?*



2. God's Design

We also see traces of beauty, like the beauty of a sunset or the laugh of a child. That is because God's design was perfect when he made it, and we are part of that design.



Starting with the very first people, we as humans did not choose God's design. Rather, we chose to abandon God's plan and go our own way, and that's called sin. Sin is what leads to the brokenness in our world and in us.

4. Fix & Escape

We don't like to be in brokenness. So, we try to get out and find fulfillment in other ways. Some try to get out by climbing the ladder of success at work or school. Others try to get out by doing good things, being religious, going to church, or helping people. While those great things, they do not get us out of brokenness. Some even try to drown out the brokenness with drugs, alcohol, suicide, or relationships but all of these attempts to get out of brokenness ourselves end up snapping us back in like a bungee cord.

ASK: What are some ways that you cope with the brokenness; or try to help fix the brokenness?

5. **Good News**

God loved us so much He decided to get us out of brokenness. He did for us what we could not do for ourselves. He provided that the only way out was through His son, Jesus. Jesus came down into our broken world and lived within God's perfect design, never stepping outside that design, not once. Jesus allowed himself to be killed on a cross, taking all of our sin, shame, guilt and brokenness upon Himself. There days later He rose from the dead, proving victorious of sin.



Jesus declared that if anyone would turn from their ways and surrender to Him as their King- believing that He really did come, die on the cross, and rise from the dead- they would be forgiven.

7. New Identity

When we do this, we are made new and are able to experience God's perfect design for our lives. And we also get to take part in restoring God's design for the world.

Three Questions:

- Which of these two circles would you say you're in?
- Which one of these two do you want to be in?
- Is there anything that keeps you from turning from your ways, believing in the gospel of Jesus, and making Him Lord and King of your life?