

3 Circles: Full Guide

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the most profound reality of life. Sharing it with someone is as simple as drawing 3 circles.

How many times, in everyday conversations, do people engage you about their problems or challenges?

- It's amazing how often people share their heartaches.
 - Their marriages, children, finances, addictions, depression — you name it.
 - People are hurting, and they need hope.
 - This conversation guide will help you turn conversations about problems into conversations about Jesus.

 - We live in a broken world, surrounded by broken lives, broken relationships, and broken systems.
 - This brokenness is seen in suffering, violence, poverty, pain, and death around us.
 - Brokenness leads us to search for a way to make life work.
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God's Design (Circle 1)

- In contrast to this brokenness, we also see beauty, purpose and evidence of 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. The Bible says:
 - "God saw all that He had made, and it was very good" (*Genesis 1:31*).
 - "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims the work of His hands" (*Psalms 19:1*)

Sin (Leads to Brokenness)

- 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 of eternity. The Bible says:
 - "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (*Romans 3:23*).
 - "For the wages of sin is death" (*Romans 6:23a*).

Brokenness (Circle 2)

- Sin leads to a place of brokenness. We see this all around us and in 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 it out on our own.
- Brokenness leads to a place of realizing a need for something greater. The Bible says:
 - "They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served something created instead of the Creator" (*Romans 1:25*).
 - "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death" (*Proverbs 14:12*).

Gospel (Circle 3)

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. The Bible says:
 - "For God loved the world in this way; He gave His One and Only Son" (*John 3:16a*).
 - "He erased the certificate of debt ... and has taken it out of the way by nailing it to the cross" (*Colossians 2:14*).
 - "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures ... He was buried [and] raised on the third day according to the Scriptures" (*1 Corinthians 15:3-4*).

Repent & Believe (Leads to Gospel)

- 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 & believe.
- Believing, we receive new life through Jesus and God turns our lives in a new direction. The Bible says:
 - “Repent and believe in the good news” (*Mark 1:15b*).
 - “For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift – not from works, so that no one can boast” (*Ephesians 2:8-9*).
 - “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*).

Recover & Pursue (Leads to God's Design)

- When God restores our relationship to Him, we begin to discover meaning and purpose in a broken world.
 - Now we can pursue God's Design in all areas of our lives.
 - Even when we fail, we understand God's pathway to be restored – this same Good News of Jesus.
 - God's Spirit empowers us to recover His Design and assures us of His presence in this life and for all of eternity. The Bible says:
 - “For it is God who is working in you, enabling you both to desire and to work out His good purpose” (*Philippians 2:13*).
 - “For we are His creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time so that we should walk in them” (*Ephesians 2:10*).
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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.
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 - “For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (*Romans 10:13*).

What's Next?

As we begin our new journey, 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 that matters to you.
- **Church** – The local church is God's family to help you walk with Him.
- **Bible** – The Bible reveals God's design — showing how to pursue Him.
- **Share** – Now that you have experienced this Good News, tell others.
- The Bible says:
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