



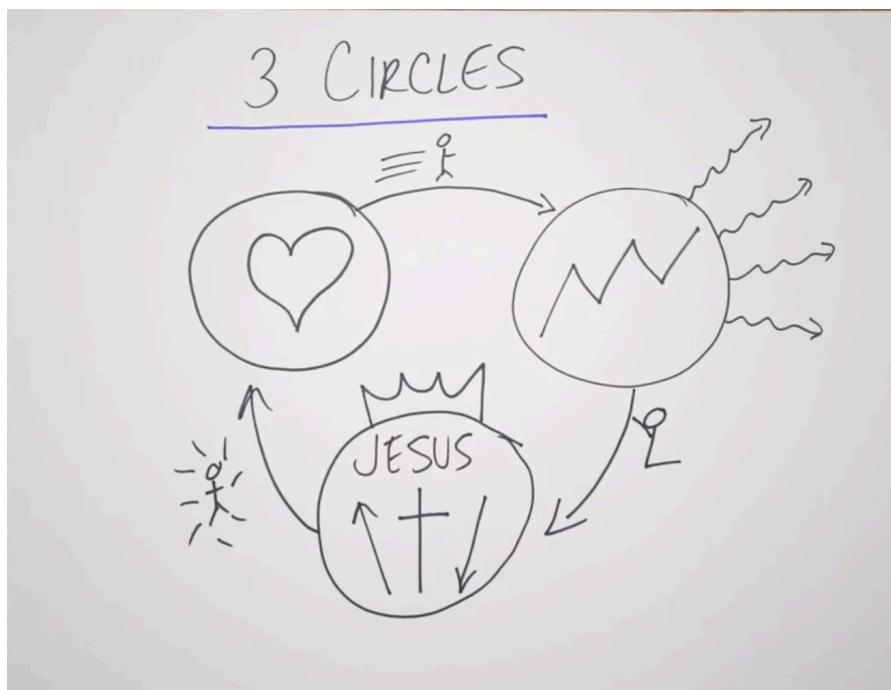
## Three Circles Transcript

At the heart of what Christians believe lies the **gospel** – the story of what Jesus has done in history that saves people and changes everything. We believe every disciple should have a simple and clear way to communicate this good news to people in their lives who have not yet experienced it. Often however, we have no such plan and fail to present the gospel and invite a decision to trust in Jesus.

Here are the advantages of memorizing an illustration like the Three Circles:

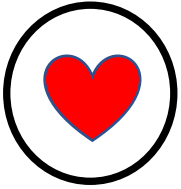
- Emphasizes and summarizes the most important points of the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- We'll always be ready, and confidence will be increased.
- Gives us more freedom in sharing and enables us to make our organic approaches more effective.
- When we are more comfortable, that comfort will project to others.
- Gives us a way to ask for a decision.

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When you turn on the television or look at your Facebook feed, it's very clear that we live in a broken world. There's a lot of death, a lot of disease and suffering. *(Romans 1:18-32, Romans 8:18-21)*



But we also see traces of beauty, like the beauty of a sunset or the laugh of a child, and that's because God's design was perfect when he made it. There was no death or disease or suffering. *(Genesis 1:24-31)*



But starting with the very first people, we as humans chose to go our own way and leave God's perfect design, and that's called sin. *(Genesis 3, Romans 3:9-12)*

And sin is what led to brokenness in our world.

Well, we don't like to be in brokenness, the state we were born in. So we try to get out. *(Romans 5:12)*



So, for some, they try to get out on their own by climbing the ladder of success at work or at school thinking that will get them out. *(Philippians 3:4-9)*



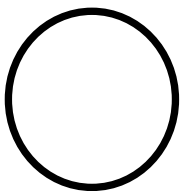
Others try to get out themselves by doing good things, by being religious, or going to church and helping people. While those are great things, they don't get us out of brokenness. *(Isaiah 64:6, Titus 3:5)*



Some try to drown out the brokenness with drugs or alcohol, or attempts at suicide, or maybe even relationships. And these attempts to get out of brokenness ourselves end up snapping us back in like a bungee cord. *(Romans 1:28-32)*



But God loved us so much He didn't want us to stay in brokenness. So He did for us what we couldn't do for ourselves. *(John 3:16, Romans 5:8)*



He provided the only way out and that is through His son Jesus. *(Romans 6:23)*



You see, Jesus came down into our world and allowed himself to be killed on a cross, taking on our sin. *(Matthew 27:35-54, Hebrews 10:19-22, 1 Peter 2:24)*



And three days later he rose from the dead. *(Matthew 28:1-10)*



He declared that if anyone would turn from their way and surrender to him and believe that Jesus came, died on the cross, and rose from the dead and would



be willing to make him their king or their Lord



that they would be forgiven and made new. They would then be able to experience God's perfect design for their life. *(Luke 24:44-49, Romans 6:22-23, Ephesians 2:1-10, Romans 1:9-13)*



I'm going to ask which of these two would you say you're in – would you say you're in brokenness or have you repented and believed in Jesus and are back in his design?

Brokenness? – well which one of these two do you want to be in?

Is there anything that keeps you from turning from your way and believing in the gospel of Jesus and making him your Lord and your king?  
*(Mark 1:15)*

When I chose to make this decision I prayed a simple prayer, very similar to this picture, I just told God I was sorry for my sin, that I left his design, and for the ways I tried to get out of brokenness on my own. I told him I was ready to turn from my way and surrender to him and I believe this is true and I want to make him my Lord so I can become new and experience his design for my life.

Is that something you would like to do?  
*(Matthew 11:28-30, John 1:12, Acts 2:38, 4:12, 1 John 1:9)*

Let's pray.