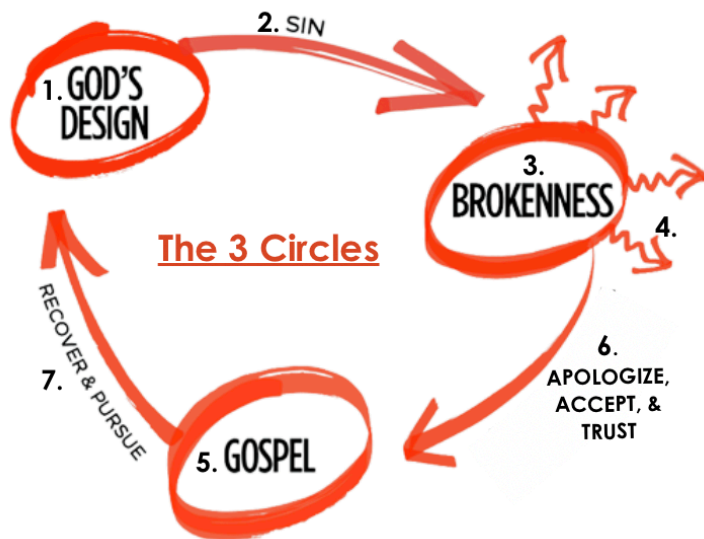


Have You Heard of the 3 Circles?



- 1. GOD'S DESIGN** - The Bible tells us that God originally planned a world that worked perfectly - where everything and everyone fit together in harmony. *"Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!"* Genesis 1:31 NLT
- 2. SIN** - Since the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3), people have ignored God and rejected His laws for living (this is sin). Life doesn't work when we ignore God and His original design for our lives. The consequence of our sin is separation from God. *"All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own...."* Isaiah 53:6 NLT
- 3. BROKENNESS** - Sin leads to brokenness - a broken world, broken lives, broken relationships, etc. This brokenness is seen in suffering, violence, poverty, corruption, pain, and death. *"... Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature."* Galatians 6:8 NLT
- 4. ESCAPING BROKENNESS** - When we realize LIFE is not working, we begin to look for a way out. People try to escape their brokenness in many different ways - alcohol, drugs, sexual relationships, partying, being a humanitarian, religion, etc. But they remain trapped in their brokenness. *"There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death."* Proverbs 14:12 NLT

5. **GOSPEL** - Because of His love, God did not leave us in our brokenness. Jesus, who is God in human flesh, came to rescue (save) us. He took our sin and shame to the cross. He paid the penalty of our sin by His death. Jesus was raised from the dead to provide the only way for us to be rescued (saved) and restored to a relationship with God. *"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."* John 3:16 NLT

6. How do we **RESPOND** to God's love and the Gospel? We must...

- **Apologize** to God for our sins & ask Him to forgive us (repent).
- **Accept** Jesus Christ as our Savior.
- **Trust** (believe) only in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, new life, and our rescue from sin's brokenness.

*"Now **repent** of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away."* Acts 3:19 NLT
*"But to all who **believed** [trusted in] him and **accepted** him, he gave the right to become children of God."* John 1:12 NLT

7. **RECOVER & PURSUE** - When God forgives us and restores our relationship to Himself, we begin to discover meaning and purpose in a broken world. We are able to pursue God's design & purpose in all areas of our lives. *"...My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life."* John 10:10 NLT

- Do the 3 Circles make sense to you?
- Which circle represents your life right now? **BROKENNESS** or the **GOSPEL**?
- Is there anything that would keep you from apologizing, accepting, & trusting in Christ?

"If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9 NLT

Suggested Prayer: "Dear God, I believe Jesus died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I **apologize** for my sins. Please forgive me and make me clean on the inside. I **accept** and **trust** in Jesus as my Savior. Heal the broken places in my life. Help me to recover and pursue your design for my life. In Jesus name I pray. Amen"

- The Next step after receiving & trusting in Christ is **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**. Would you like a free Bible & Bible study material to help you start growing spiritually?