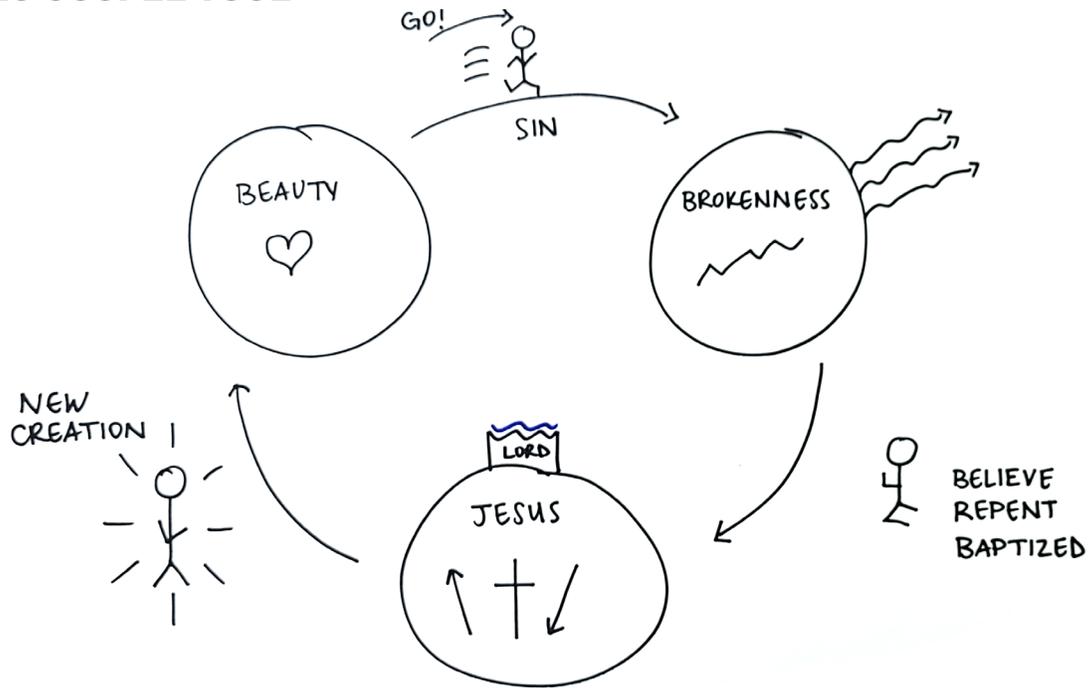
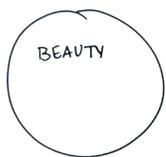


3 CIRCLES GOSPEL TOOL



Ever wondered how to walk through the Gospel story with someone? The 3 Circles Gospel Tool provides a simple, memorable and reproducible framework for turning everyday conversations into Gospel conversations. All you need is a piece of paper, a pen and about 5-10 minutes to share how God has a plan to heal us from our brokenness and to restore us to new life. We encourage you to walk through the sample script below, practicing on your own paper 3-5 times to help commit the graphic and story to memory. The script is a guide to help you explain each element of the 3 Circles graphic; feel free to make the words your own.



DRAW TWO CIRCLES AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE.

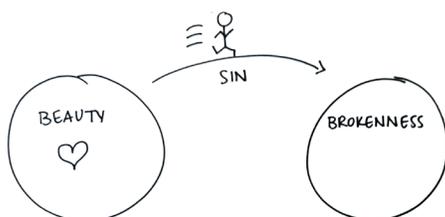
WRITE "BEAUTY" IN THE LEFT CIRCLE AND "BROKENNESS" IN THE RIGHT CIRCLE.

When we look at our world, other people and ourselves, we see two conflicting realities at work. There is beauty on the one hand and brokenness on the other.



DRAW A HEART IN THE LEFT CIRCLE.

We see beauty because when God created the world, He created the perfect design. God loves this world, loves His creation, and, in fact, He created a perfect paradise where we could enjoy Him forever. We still see that beauty in the laugh of a baby, a sunrise or sunset, the love of another person, art, architecture, food and drink. There is such beauty in this world. BUT, we also see so much brokenness.

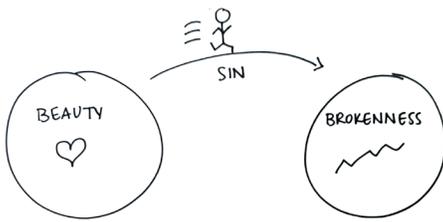


DRAW AN ARROW FROM THE FIRST CIRCLE TO THE SECOND CIRCLE.

WRITE WORD "SIN" WITH STICK FIGURE RUNNING.

The problem came when the very first humans decided they wanted to go their own way, depart from God's design. They sinned and brought the full consequences and curses of sin and death into our world and into our lives. The Bible says, "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God."

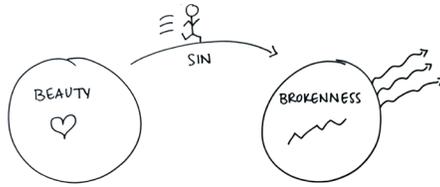
Ephesians 2:1-10 says, "We are dead in our sins when we follow the ways of the world."



DRAW JAGGED LINE INSIDE THE RIGHT CIRCLE.

Because of sin, we see brokenness in our world, brokenness in other people and brokenness in us. Brokenness in our world can be seen in death, disease, destruction and decay. It's all around us.

Brokenness in people feels like shame, regret, guilt and emptiness. It leads to feeling used or feeling lonely.



DRAW SQUIGGLY LINES OUT FROM THE RIGHT CIRCLE.

But we want out of our brokenness. We want change. We try to fix things on our own so that we can find fulfillment.

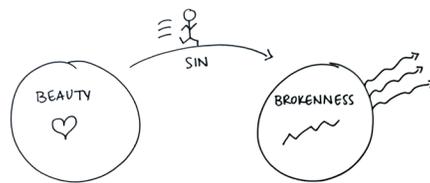
We seek fulfillment in so many different ways:

- Relationships, one after another.
- Success - financial success, business success, athletic success or academic success - something to feel like we win.
- Or, we try to numb the pain of our brokenness with distractions of entertainment, pleasure, comfort, fun, drugs and alcohol.

It's just a matter of time before we realize none of these things solve the problem. None of these things heal our hearts or remove our guilt. Instead, like bungee cords, our attempts to get out snap us back into greater brokenness.

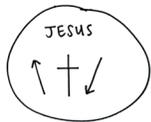
We can't save ourselves, we can't fix ourselves, we can't heal ourselves.

But here's the good news: God came to heal the broken places in our lives.



DRAW THIRD CIRCLE WITH THE NAME "JESUS."

God came in the person of Jesus! The Bible has a word for "good news" and that word is "Gospel." And, the Gospel is the good news story of how God put on flesh in the person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.



DRAW ARROW ANGLED DOWN INSIDE THE THIRD CIRCLE.

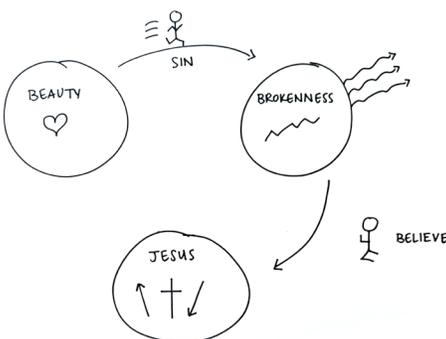
He came to earth as a man. He lived a sinless perfect life.

DRAW CROSS INSIDE THE THIRD CIRCLE.

He died on the cross for the sins of the world. By dying on the cross, Jesus took our guilt and the sins of the world upon himself. He became our substitute. He paid the price of God's wrath, so we could be made right before a Holy God.

DRAW ARROW ANGLED UP INSIDE THE THIRD CIRCLE.

Jesus was then raised from the dead to prove He had power over sin and death. God proved that Jesus could do everything for us that He said He could do. He can forgive us of our sins, remove our guilt, and He can heal the broken places in our lives. He can save us.

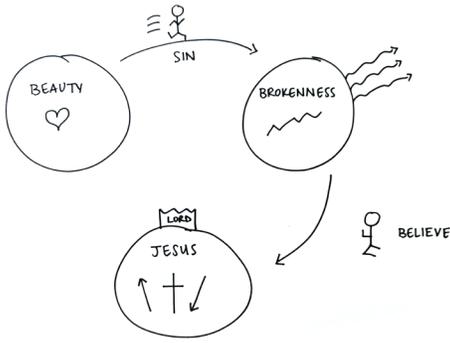


DRAW ARROW FROM SECOND CIRCLE TO THIRD CIRCLE WITH STICK FIGURE ON KNEES.

But to do that, we have to respond to Him. Put our faith in Him. Submit to Him.

WRITE "BELIEVE" BY THE STICK FIGURE.

Acts 2:36-38 is the story of the first people responding to the Gospel and being saved. The text says that we must first BELIEVE that Jesus is Lord and Christ.

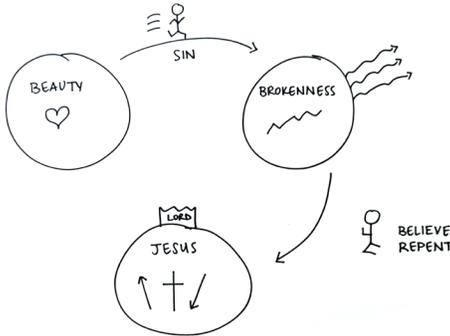


DRAW A CROWN ON TOP OF THE THIRD CIRCLE.

WRITE "LORD" INSIDE OF THE CROWN.

We believe Jesus is Lord. Lord means God. He is your King. He is your Master. He is Lord! He must be King, Lord of your life, to be saved.

You must believe He is Christ, the promised one. You must believe He is the Messiah who died on a cross, was buried in a grave and rose from the dead. We must believe Jesus is alive and that He is who He says He is.

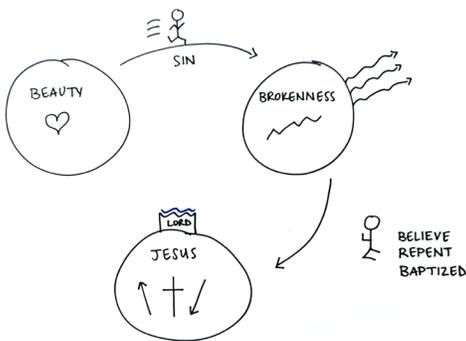


WRITE "REPENT" BESIDE THE STICK FIGURE.

We REPENT. Repent means to change our mind and to change our direction. It is doing a complete 180 in mind and action where I no longer live for myself, but I live for Jesus.

I reverse course. Instead of running away from the Lord into brokenness, I'm now running toward Him.

Emphasize that the opposite of squiggly lines out of brokenness is the arrow pointing to Jesus.



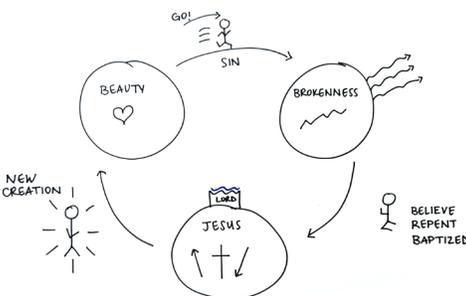
WRITE "BAPTIZED" BESIDE THE STICK FIGURE.

We will be BAPTIZED. Acts 2 says we believe, repent and are baptized for the forgiveness of our sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. When we believe, repent and are baptized, we are choosing to make Jesus the King of our lives.

When we, with complete faith and trust in Jesus, go under water, we are declaring Christ's Lordship.

RETRACE CROWN WITH BLUE INK SYMBOLIZING WAVES OF WATER

It's a moment of surrender where we are putting our faith in Jesus. Romans 6 says when we are baptized we are being united with Christ in His death and resurrection, and just as Jesus was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.



DRAW ARROW FROM THIRD CIRCLE TO THE FIRST CIRCLE.

DRAW A STICK FIGURE INSIDE DASHES OF RADIANT LIGHT. WRITE "NEW CREATION."

When you are in Christ, you are made into a new creation! The old has gone and the new has come.

God reconciles us to Himself. God reconciles us to one another. God brings peace, forgiveness, fulfillment into our lives to make us whole again.

He gives us His Holy Spirit to empower us to live a new life, so we can be restored to God's perfect design.

DRAW ARROW OVER STICK FIGURE RUNNING FROM CIRCLE 1 AND 2.

WRITE WORD "GO" ABOVE THE NEW ARROW.

Then, He gives us that message of reconciliation so that we can go back out into a broken world. We go not as sinners running away from God, but as ambassadors for His kingdom to help others who are living in brokenness come to know Jesus, so He can forgive them and heal them also. That is why I'm sharing this with you today.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT AND QUESTIONS

There was a time when I recognized I was a sinner far from God. I was living in brokenness. And I told God I was sorry for my sin and for trying to get out of my brokenness on my own and that I needed Jesus as my Lord and savior.

I believed, I repented, and I was baptized into Christ. I was forgiven of my sins and given the gift of the Holy Spirit. I was made into a new creation restored to God's design for my life. I've experienced the beauty of knowing Jesus as Lord of my life.

Concluding questions

- Where are you?
- Where do you want to be?
- What's stopping (keeping you) from doing it?

Has there been a time in your life when you made Jesus your Lord and Savior, so He could bring you out of brokenness into His design for your life? If not, are you ready now? Are you ready to confess that you believe Jesus is the Christ the Son of the Living God and that you want to receive Him as your Lord and Savior, repenting of your sins and being baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit? If not, is there anything preventing you from doing so?