

EQUIPPING SERIES

EPISODE 4:

BUILDING GOSPEL BRIDGES

look back

First, **LOOK BACK** at the past week by asking, “How did we do?” Begin with prayer, then check in with one another—sharing honestly, celebrating victories, acknowledging struggles, and graciously offering practical help.

 **PRAYER** - Begin with prayer, inviting Jesus into the conversation.

Follow Up on Last Week’s Assignment

Last week you wrote a meaningful story from your life or family history and shared at least one with a younger family member.

- Who did you share your story with, and how did they respond?
- How did telling that story deepen your connection or open new conversations?
- Are you ready now to share your story with the small group? (Divide into groups of two or three and help each other improve your stories.)

look up

Next, **LOOK UP** to God’s Word by asking, “What does Jesus want us to know?” If you haven’t already, watch this week’s video: “*Equipping Series: Building Gospel Bridges*.” Then use the “What Do You Think?” and “What Does God’s Word Say?” sections to draw out the main truths together.

 **WATCH: Equipping Series: Building Gospel Bridges**

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Episode Summary

A relationship-first approach to evangelism starts with genuine care, flows through sharing your own faith story, and relies on the Holy Spirit to draw hearts to Christ. Grandparents are uniquely positioned to build Gospel bridges with love, patience, and respect, inviting the next generation to experience God’s transforming grace.

HOW TO USE THESE RESOURCES

Whether you’re studying on your own or with a group, each guide follows a simple yet powerful rhythm: **Look Back/ Look Up / Look Forward**. For group leaders, additional instructions for leading a small group are included at the end of the first workbook in each series.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Jesus sent His disciples to stay in one home and build relationships. How does this strategy challenge the “drive-by shooting” approach to evangelism?
2. Your personal story sets the stage for the Gospel story. What elements of your own faith journey could connect most naturally with someone you love who doesn’t yet know Christ?
3. Your job is to open your heart to them. The Spirit’s job is to open their heart to God. How can you stay attentive to the Holy Spirit’s timing instead of feeling pressure to “close the deal”?
4. Our Three Circles approach moves from God’s design to human brokenness to Jesus’ redemption. Which part of this framework do you think would resonate most with your NextGen loved ones, and why?
5. People won’t care what you know until they know that you care. What specific steps can you take this week to show genuine care and build trust with someone before sharing the Good News?

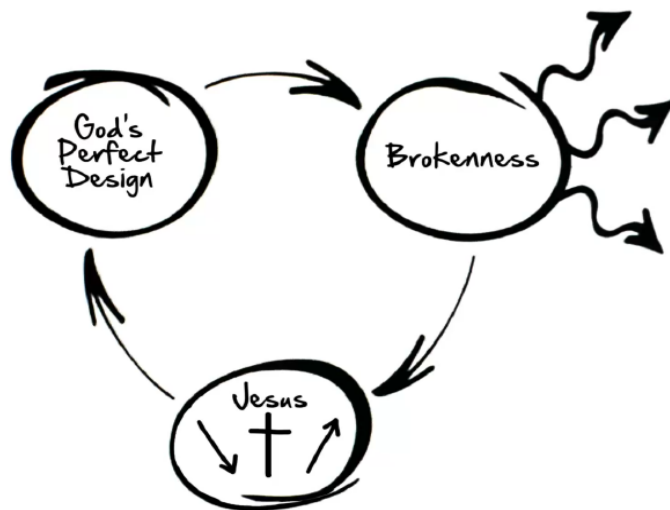
Episode Notes

1. RELATIONAL EVANGELISM IS BEST

2. YOUR PERSONAL STORY SETS THE STAGE

3. FOLLOW THE LEAD OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE GOSPEL IN THREE CIRCLES



WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD SAY?

KEY VERSES

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV) – “But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” We are called to live a life so anchored in Christ that our hope shines through in every situation, prompting others to ask about it. That opens the door for us to share the Gospel.

SUPPORTING VERSE

Colossians 4:5–6 (NIV) – “Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”

Wise, gracious speech opens doors and draws others toward Christ.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

Matthew 5:16
Romans 10:14–15
2 Corinthians 5:18–20



Finally, **LOOK FORWARD** by asking, “What does Jesus want us to do?” Commit to practical steps for living out this week’s lesson. Review the assignment, share commitments with the group, pray for one another, and step forward together with faith and hope.

THIS WEEK’S ASSIGNMENT

This week, practice sharing the Gospel using the *Three Circles* approach—God’s Perfect Design, humanity’s Brokenness, and Jesus’ Redemption. Draw the circles and rehearse telling the story in your own words, then be ready to practice sharing it with your small group next week.

PERSONAL GROWTH COMMITMENTS



- What has God laid on my heart?
- What is the Holy Spirit leading me to change?
- What will I do in my own life, in my relationships, and to reach next-gen loved ones?

SHARE WITH THE GROUP



Encourage sharing commitments, prayer needs, and real-life stories.
Close with prayer.

