WEEK 5

THE GOSPEL IN OUR WITNESS.

You would not be here today unless someone first shared the Gospel with you.

Who was it? Who first told you about Jesus? Who walked with you as you asked questions, sought advice, wrestled with doubts, and eventually came to faith?

You can be that person for someone else.

Over the last several weeks, we have practiced declaring the Gospel to God in worship, to ourselves in formation, and to our homes and spiritual family in love. Now we turn outward to the lost.

This is not a side mission for unusually bold Christians. This is the mission of Jesus. Christ came "to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10), and as his disciples, we get to join him in that work.

If you are looking for greater meaning, value, and purpose in your life, look no further than the mission Jesus has already given you. Living as a messenger of the Gospel will not earn you favor with God or prove your worth to your church family. But it will give you a mission worth your life.

We will see that some of the best spaces to share the Gospel are not stages, pulpits, or platforms. They are coffee tables and dining room tables. They are the places where people are known, meals are shared, questions are asked, and the good news of the Kingdom can be spoken with humility, clarity, and love.

So let's address the fears, concerns, and questions head-on. In Christ, by the Spirit, you have what you need to proclaim the Gospel of God's Kingdom to those who are lost.

ASSIGNMENT

- **Attend the fifth lesson.**
- **Work through the Group Discussion.**
- **Complete the homework.**

Group Discussion

1. What stood out to you from this week's homework or teaching? Was there anything that challenged or encouraged you?

2. Read Mark 1:17. Jesus promises to make his disciples become fishers of men. How does this promise encourage you in areas where you feel inadequate or unprepared to share the Gospel?

3. What fears, excuses, or obstacles keep you from sharing the Gospel with those around you? How does remembering who we are in Christ help us overcome these barriers?

4. Jesus frequently used meals and hospitality to engage people with the Gospel. Who has God placed in your everyday life whom you could intentionally move toward? How might you use your home, a meal, or a cup of coffee to deepen that relationship?

5. Read Luke 10:2. Identify 1–2 people who are far from God that you can begin praying for and pursuing intentionally. What is one practical step you can take this week? Close your time by praying for these people by name.

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HOMEWORK

1. Read Ephesians 2:1-10. Describe the spiritual condition of humans in verses 1–3 using 1–2 words.

2. What two words does Paul use to mark the turning point in verse 4?

3. What three actions does God take for believers in verses 5–6?

4. According to verse 8, what saves us?

CONNECT THE STORY

5. **Interpret:** What is the significance of the phrase “But God” in verse 4, and why does Paul structure his argument this way?

PRACTICE

6. **Apply:** You are God's workmanship, created for good works that God has prepared for you to walk in. How does understanding yourself as God's creation—not your own achievement—change how you see your purpose?

YOUR 15-SECOND TESTIMONY

An effective testimony briefly communicates how Jesus has changed your life, creating opportunities for further Gospel conversations. Using Ephesians 2:1–10 as your framework, write out your personal story in three parts:

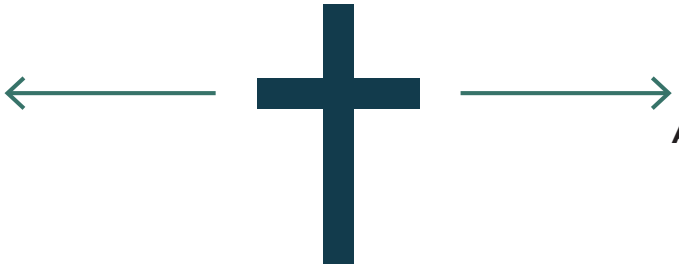
Before Christ: What was your spiritual condition? What were you pursuing or believing?

"But God": What was the turning point? How did you come to understand your need for Christ?

After Christ: How has your life changed? What is different now that you belong to Jesus?

Fill in the spaces below with 2–3 words describing what your life was like before and after Christ. Fill in the center section with a phrase such as "But Jesus saved me and now I follow him." Practice reading it until it feels natural and conversational, not scripted.

"There was a time in my life when..."



DO YOU HAVE A STORY LIKE THAT?

AWAY FROM CHRIST Describe your life before Christ came to change you.	**BECAUSE OF CHRIST** Describe what Christ has done for you.	**CHANGE CHRIST MADE** Describe the personal changes Christ has made in you.

7. First stop on the Romans Road: Read Romans 3:23. What does the phrase “fall short” suggest about humanity’s condition? Is this describing a one-time failure or an ongoing reality that characterizes human existence since Adam’s fall?

8. Second stop on the Romans Road: Read Romans 6:23. What two outcomes does Paul present in this verse? How do these two outcomes contrast with each other?

9. What is the importance of “free gift” rather than something earned or deserved?

CONNECT THE STORY

10. **Interpret:** How does understanding death as the consequence of sin help explain our need for Christ’s saving work?

11. Third stop on the Romans Road: Read Romans 5:8. What does Paul say about God’s love and the timing of Christ’s death?

CONNECT THE STORY

12. **Interpret:** Why is the fact that Christ died for us "while we were still sinners" so significant? What does this reveal about God's character and the nature of grace?

13. Fourth stop on the Romans Road: Read Romans 10:9–10, 13. What two actions does Paul describe as necessary for salvation—one internal and one external? (Rom 10:9–10) What does verse 13 say about who will be saved?

PRACTICE

14. **Apply:** How would you help someone understand and respond to the Gospel through repentance and faith? What would you say to help them understand what it means to confess and believe?

15. Fifth stop on the Romans Road: Read Romans 5:1; 8:1; 8:38–39. What do those justified by faith now possess?

16. What does Paul declare about condemnation for those in Christ (Rom. 8:1)?

CONNECT THE STORY

17. **Interpret:** How do these three passages work together to build a complete picture of salvation security?

PRACTICE

18. **Apply:** How should the reality of your own assurance affect your confidence when sharing the gospel with others?

Closing Practice: 3 Circles Gospel Tool

You've now traced the Romans Road—from humanity's universal problem through God's solution to personal response and eternal security. You've also articulated your own story through your 15-second testimony. These are the theological and personal foundations of gospel witness.

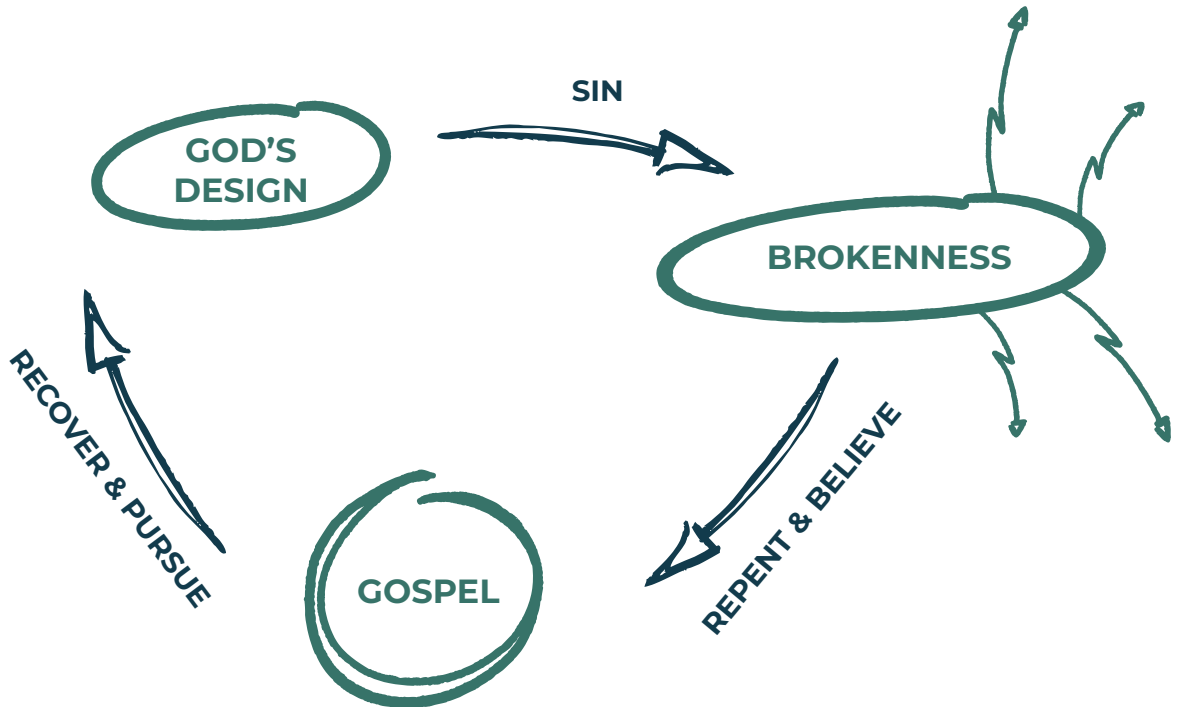
Now practice presenting the gospel using the 3 circles tool in the space below. Write out what you would say in 2–3 minutes to an unbeliever, using:

- Circle 1 (God's Design): What God intended for humanity
- Circle 2 (Brokenness): How sin has fractured that design
- Circle 3 (Christ's Solution): How Jesus's death and resurrection restore what sin destroyed

Use the Romans Road passages you've studied to support each circle. This exercise bridges your biblical understanding to the practical tool you'll master in Week 6.

3 Circles Gospel Tool

Watch the video training for the 3-Circles Gospel presentation and assign the themes of Creation, Fall, Covenants/Promises, Redemption, and Restoration to the diagram below.



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