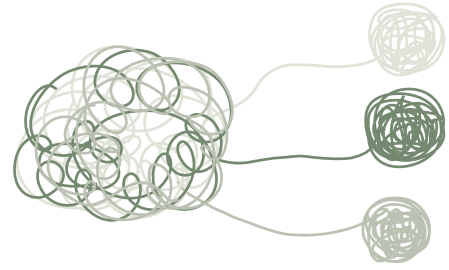


# Gospel Threads Overview



This is a tool to help you discover the threads of the gospel that God has been weaving throughout your life. This process will take you through your “life map” to help you process all that you have experienced and how to use your story to share truth with others. This process has 3 main purposes.

- As you process your story we believe God will grow bigger and bigger in your eyes. Looking back and seeing His character throughout your story will hopefully stir your heart to love him more.
- As you understand your story and God’s providence more clearly you will begin unpacking that and sharing it with your Life Group. This will strengthen your relationships and open the door to being more known and loved by your people.
- This will give you the clarity and confidence to weave these “gospel threads” into everyday ordinary conversations that will make an impact in your world.

**Part 1 Brainstorming:** Consider this a “brain dump” of your life.

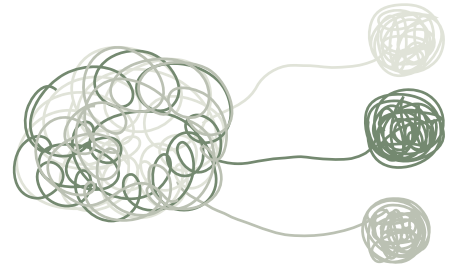
**Part 2 Order:** Begin mapping your “brain dump” into categories.

**Part 3 Summarize:** Boil down each category to a main theme.

**Part 4 Insights:** Identify the main themes, truths, lies, and significant points in your story.

**Part 5 Share:** Practice sharing your life story with gospel threads woven in.

# But first, what is the gospel?

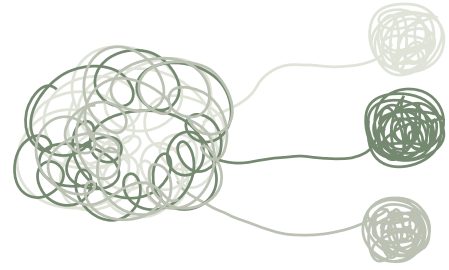


The gospel is the good news of Jesus Christ. As humans we are all made in the image of God yet we have a problem. Our problem is sin. Sin entered the world through Adam and Eve's disobedience. It has broken us, broken our world and separated us from a Holy God. We need something outside of ourselves to reconcile us back to Him. God the Father, in His loving kindness has made a way through the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of His Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem us and give us eternal life. When we put our faith in Jesus we are given His perfect record of obedience. His death paid the penalty for our sins and there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ.

As followers of Jesus we will forever be growing in our understanding of the gospel. As disciples we are called to make other disciples by sharing the gospel with them and teaching them to obey all that God commands. As we meditate on these truths we are more eager and confident to weave threads of gospel truth into conversation with those who may not yet know Jesus.

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## Part 1



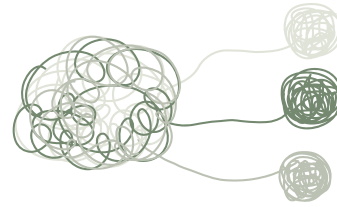
**Brainstorming:** Consider this a brain dump of your life.

Think through some of these categories and questions to begin writing down your thoughts below.

*Influential people, places you've lived, family life, how did your parent's marriage impact you? significant events, education, jobs, hobbies and interests, religious background, successes and joys, what has delighted you the most in your life? Failures & sorrows, what has disappointed you the most in your life? What have been your deepest hurt(s) and disappointments?*

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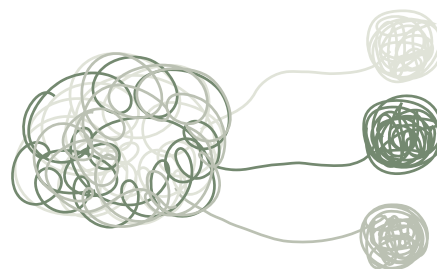
## Part 2



**Order:** Begin ordering your “brain dump”. You can categorize it chronologically (1. Beginnings 2. Growing up 3. Recent history 4. Present Day) or feel free to categorize it differently!

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## Part 3



**Summarize:** Begin to "title" each category and summarize it.

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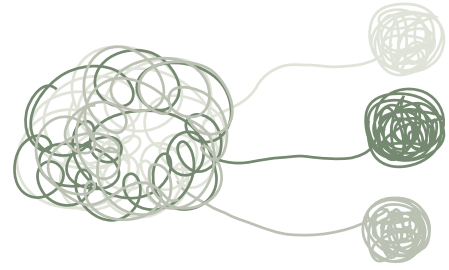
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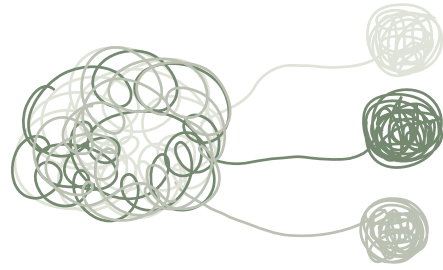


**Insights.:** What have you learned about yourself and God through this process? Consider some of these questions to help get your wheels turning: What are some of the major themes you saw repeat? How has God revealed himself to you throughout your life? When did I feel closest to God? When did I feel most distant from God? Who were the key people God used in my life? What key strategies/circumstances has God used in my life for spiritual growth? How would you summarize what God desires to teach you about your life? How have you seen your self-image (identity) change over the years?

Write down some of your key insights below.

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## Part 5



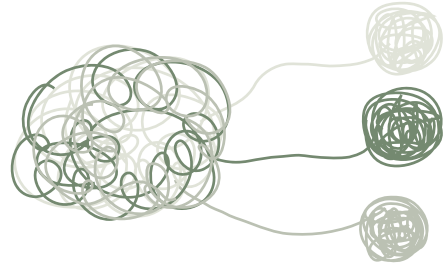
**Share:** Begin preparing to share your story with your life group. There may be parts of your story that you aren't ready to share yet. Prayerfully consider sharing the hard parts of your story with someone in your group so that you can be known and loved more fully. During group time people will take turns sharing their story. Think "how would I share my story with my neighbor I am getting to know?"

Try to keep this to 10 minutes and use as much of the time as you can to point to God's character throughout your story, what you learned about who he is along the way and how you've come to understand the gospel.

Take some time to write out your story or bullet points below to help you prepare to share.

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## What now??



This process had 3 main purposes.

1. To process your story.
2. To share your story with your Life Group to be more fully known and loved by them.
3. To help you begin to weave the “gospel threads” of your story into everyday ordinary conversations that will make an impact in your world.

Continue in the life long process of seeing and appreciating God’s faithfulness to you. Continue opening yourself up to your group to allow them to know you fully. Continue getting to know your Life Group brothers and sisters so that you can see the gospel threads of their story. **Lastly, continue looking for opportunities to point people to who God is, to weave Him into your conversations and to share the gospel with people through your story.**