

PRACTICAL TRAINING THREE- THE 3 CIRCLES

Words in black: The trainer will say

Words in blue: The trainer will write or draw AND say

Words in gray brackets italicized: *[Direction for the trainee]*

SCRIPT:

Panel 3 (right inside panel)

Welcome to Practical Training number three... or PT three. This training is called, "The 3 Circles."

To do this training, each person will need the sheet of paper they used for PT-1 and PT-2 *[show the paper]* ... and something to write with *[show the pen]*. If anyone doesn't have their PT training sheet... no problem... just use a blank sheet of copy or printer paper folded in half... and you can transfer the contents to the other sheet later.

[give the trainee some time to gather these supplies if needed]

As we mentioned, each practical training is designed to do TWO things... to train YOU to make disciples... and to EQUIP you to train OTHER disciple-makers. These videos will still be available if you need them... as well as a downloadable instruction sheet... but after each PT training... YOU become the TRAINER for that training. And all you need... is a few sheets of paper... and some pens. So remember to bring these supplies when you train others... and then remind them to bring their training sheet back to the next group gathering.

Okay, let's begin this training.

Using the same paper we used to go through PTs one and two... OR A REPLACEMENT SHEET... let's open the paper and use the RIGHT INSIDE panel. Again, it will be easier if you fold the sheet the opposite way so you can focus on just that panel.

[fold sheet back to see only the left inside panel]

In the top left corner, let's write **PT dash THREE** *[write PT-3]*... and then write the title of this training: **THE 3 CIRCLES**. Then... underneath that line... draw an arrow and write the purpose of this training... which is... **SHARE THE GOSPEL**. And then draw a line across the entire page under this heading.

In Mark 16:15, Jesus said... *"Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned"* (ESV).

So let's write **MARK 16:15–16** and draw a box around it.

[write reference and draw a box around it]

As you can see, Jesus commands all of His followers to share the gospel with EVERYONE... so let's write... **SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH EVERYONE**. And let's underline the word, EVERYONE.

Then... let's draw a line across the page under this verse... and then another line about an inch from the bottom of the page.

[draw the two lines]

Now... this entire PANEL is a training for DISCIPLE-MAKERS... but the diagram we're about to draw in the large BLANK section *[point to the blank middle section]* is what you'll draw when you share the gospel with UNBELIEVERS. To share this diagram with an unbeliever... you'll simply find a piece of paper... or anything you can write on... and something to write with.

Okay, whenever you find yourself in a conversation with one or more unbelievers, look—and pray—for an opportunity to share the gospel with them. You may begin by sharing your STORY... or you may feel led by the Holy Spirit to share the gospel first. Either way, when you see an opportunity to share the gospel... you can say something like this, *"May I show you something that changed my life?"*

Most people will say, "Yes."

Okay, now stop and let ME share the gospel with you... and then I'll give YOU some time to share it with someone else.

I asked, "*May I show you something that changed my life?*"

"Yes."

"Great... it helps if I explain it with THREE CIRCLES."

[draw two circles side-by-side on top... and one below them in the center]

We live in a world that is **BROKEN**.

[using the top right circle, draw a tiny little zig-zag line inside the circle from the bottom left edge]

Everywhere you look, there are broken people.

[write BROKEN in the center and draw a box around it]

So many people are **SICK**... *[write SICK inside the circle at the very top]* ... many are **ADDICTED** to things like drugs, alcohol, and porn.... *[write ADDICTED under SICK]*. People are **DEPRESSED** and struggling with things like stress, anxiety and fear *[write DEPRESSED under ADDICTED, just above BROKEN]* ... and so on.

Everywhere we look, people are going through hard times... and people are hurting. But did you know... that's not how God designed this world to BE?

And that's where this second circle comes in. God designed our world to be **PERFECT**! We'll call it, **GOD'S PERFECT DESIGN**. *[write GOD'S... PERFECT... DESIGN in the top half of the top-left circle, writing each word just below the previous one... then draw a line horizontally across the center of the circle]*

And not only did God design our world to be PERFECT... He designed US to **LIVE ETERNALLY**. *[write LIVE ETERNALLY inside the circle under the line]*

We were never intended to die... or age... or experience all of the pain and the brokenness in this world.

So how did we go from God's perfect design... and living eternally... to having such a broken world?

[point to the circle on the left and then point to the circle on the right]

Well, that happened because of something called SIN

[draw a horizontal arrow in between the two top circles pointing towards the right circle... and write the word 'sin' above the arrow]

The human beings on earth began to sin and rebel against God. They began to ignore Him... and all of His guidelines... and SIN opened the door to sickness, loneliness, addiction, depression, pain, embarrassment, shame, and everything that makes life miserable. *[point to all the words in the right circle]*

And not only that... sin also opened the door to DEATH

[write DEATH below BROKEN in the top-right circle]

and SEPARATION from God.

[write SEPARATION below DEATH]

It also made us subject to JUDGMENT

[write JUDGMENT below SEPARATION]

This judgment will be against all sinners at the end of the age... and it will be SEVERE.

But thankfully... there's one more circle. You see, even though people sinned and rebelled against God... God still loved the people in this broken world... so He sent His Son Jesus to pay for our sins. I'll write **JESUS** here

[write JESUS inside the bottom circle at the top]

And this is the good news, Jesus willingly came down to the earth... *[draw an arrow inside the circle pointing down on the left side of the circle]* ... and He became a human being like us.

And even though He never sinned, Jesus willingly died on a cross *[draw a cross in the center of the circle]* ... to pay for EVERY sin... of EVERY sinner *[point to the word 'sin' in between the two circles at the top]*.

Not only did He take the punishment for all of our sins... but He also took stripes to pay for our sicknesses.

[draw three short diagonal lines on the bottom part of the cross]

Then... after Jesus died on the cross... God raised Him from the dead.

[draw an arrow inside the circle pointing up on the left side of the circle]

So JESUS... the only Savior of the world... is alive TODAY.

And Jesus promises... that if anyone in this broken world *[point at the top-right circle]* ... will come to HIM...

[draw an arrow from the bottom of the top-right circle to the top right side of the bottom circle].

If they'll **TURN** from their sin...

[to the right of the new arrow, write '1' and circle it and the word 'Turn']

If they'll **BELIEVE** in what He has done for them...

[write '2' under '1' and circle it and the word 'Believe' next to it]

And if they will FOLLOW Him...

[write '3' under '2' and circle it and the word 'Follow' next to it]

Jesus promises that He'll do some things in return.

Number one... He'll FORGIVE you...

[to the left of the bottom circle... about the level of '3 Follow', write '1' and circle it with the word 'Forgive' next to it]

Number two... He will FILL you with His spirit.

[write '2' above '1' and circle it and write the word 'Fill' next to it]

And number three... He'll begin to RESTORE you... *[write '3' above '2' and circle it and write the word 'Restore' next to it]* ... back to God's perfect design *[point to 'GOD'S PERFECT DESIGN']* ... AND ... He'll give you eternal life *[point to 'LIVE ETERNALLY']*.

AND THEN... anyone who allows Jesus to do this for them... Jesus sends them back into this broken world... *[draw a curved arrow from the right side of the top-left circle to the left side of the top-right circle]*.

So that they can tell others how Jesus died... *[point to the bottom circle]* to take our sin, sickness, pain, and death... *[point to the top-right circle]*

And that if they will simply TURN from their sin... BELIEVE in Jesus' sacrifice... and FOLLOW Him... *[point to each word]* ... God will FORGIVE them... FILL them with the Holy Spirit... and begin to RESTORE THEM back to God's perfect design. ?" *[point to each word after 1, 2 & 3 on the LEFT side]*.

And RIGHT THEN ... disciple-makers.... is when you'll ASK... *"Would you like Jesus to do this for you?"* Let's write that question in the very bottom section

[write in caps, 'WOULD YOU LIKE JESUS TO DO THIS FOR YOU?'].

If the person answers "YES"... then you'll ASK... *"Are you willing to TURN from your sins... BELIEVE that Jesus died for you ... and FOLLOW Him?"* *[point to each word after 1, 2 & 3 on the RIGHT side]*

If they say YES... then immediately plan a time with them to baptize them in water as a follower of Jesus... and invite other believers to watch and welcome them to the family of God. In the next Practical Training, we'll learn how to baptize people in water.

And that concludes PT-3... The 3 Circles. Now practice sharing the gospel to each other... at least twice each... using The 3 Circles diagram.

Now when you're finished, take a clear picture of this panel so you'll always have it with you. You can save all of your practical training panels in one photo album so you can easily find them.

Have fun!