



7 STORIES OF HOPE

A GUIDE TO LEADING
SOMEONE THROUGH THE
7 STORIES OF HOPE

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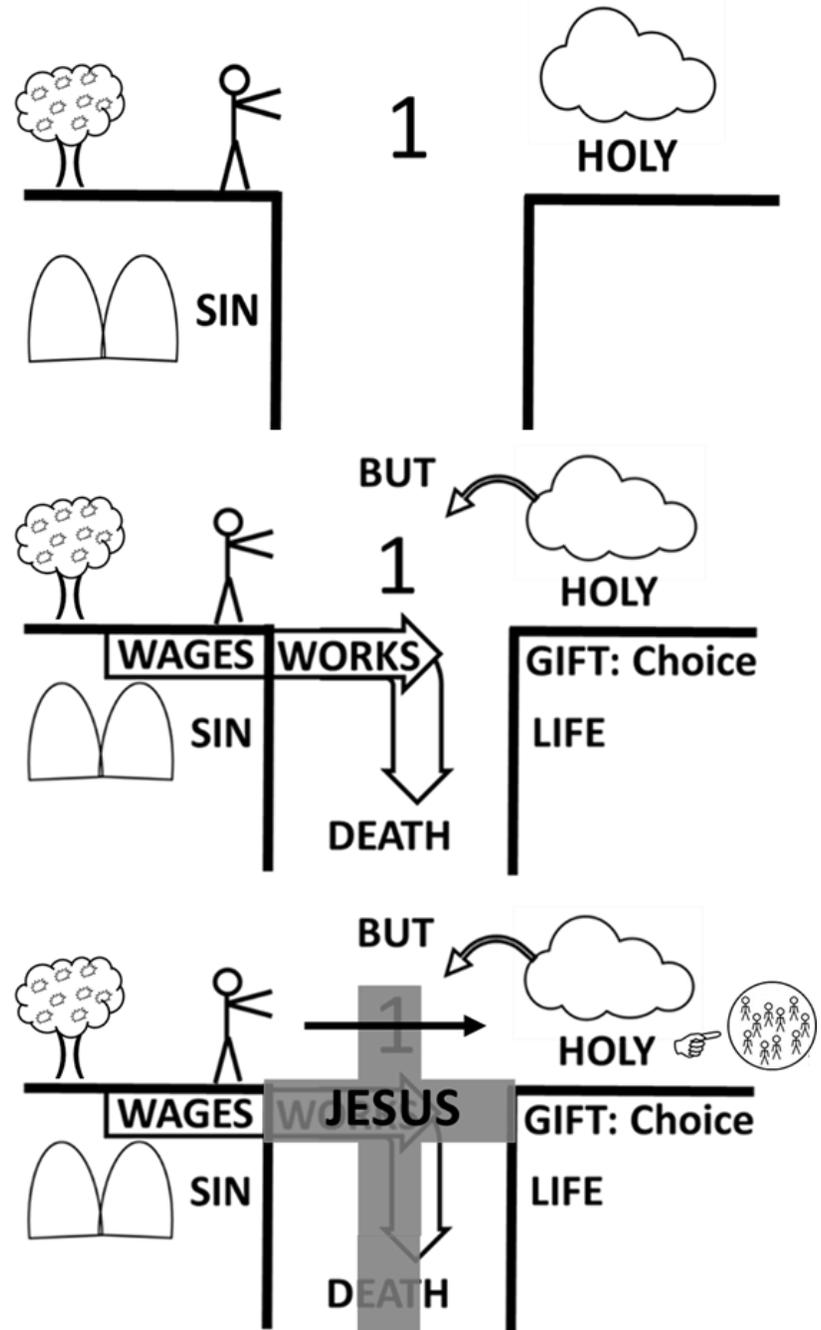
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AN EASY GOSPEL
SHARING TOOL
ROMANS 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Choice - Man had a relationship with God but chose to break it. This one (1) choice caused a gap, a separation, and sin and shame entered the world.
- Sin - missing the target, doing anything that is less than perfect.
- Holy - perfect in goodness and righteousness.
- A Wage - something YOU earn from YOUR Works.
- Death - eternal separation from God.
- But - there is a way to bridge the gap.
- The Gift of God. A Gift is something YOU don't EARN, it is GIVEN FREE of charge. Only God can provide such a gift.
- Eternal Life - eternally in the presence of God.
- Through Jesus Christ - the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Only His wage can bridge the gap; our wage was death, his is life!
- Choice 2 - If we accept this Good News, we can cross over the gap, Jesus is the bridge, our relationship is restored.
- New Life - Until Jesus returns or we go to be with Him, we are commanded to take this Good News to a lost world.



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AN EASY GOSPEL
SHARING TOOL
THE THREE CIRCLES

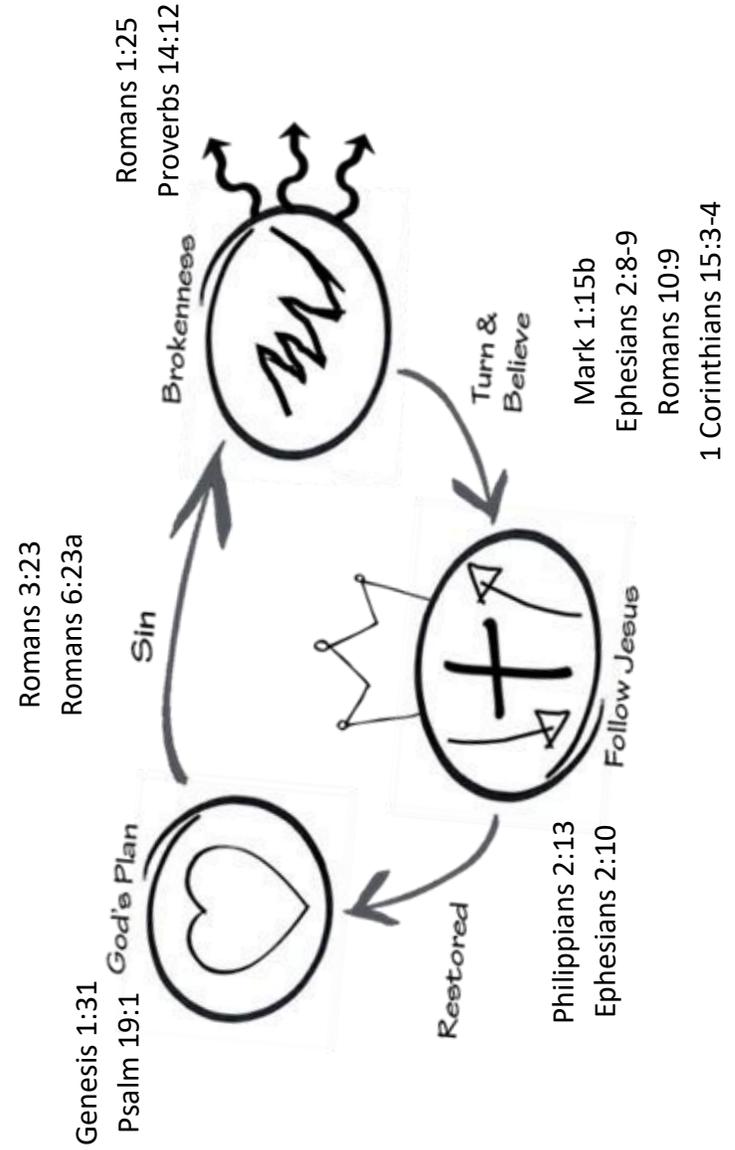


The 3 Circles starts with God’s Design. From there, our departure from God’s design as sinful people leads us into brokenness. Our relief from brokenness is found in repentance. We must repent and believe the Gospel in order to be rescued from brokenness.

The Gospel is Christ dying in our place on the cross and taking the penalty that we deserve for our sins.

He was resurrected, and in turn we are resurrected into a new life when we believe in the Gospel.

Through God’s mercy and grace we are able to recover and pursue His design for our lives – from wherever we are.



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1. Hope for the Rejected
Luke 7:36-50 (The woman weeping at Jesus' feet)
2. Hope for the Non-Religious
Luke 18:9-14 (Pharisee & Tax Collector)
3. Hope Changes Things
Luke 19:1-10 (Jesus & Zacchaeus)
4. Hope Forgives
Matthew 18:21-35 (The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant)
5. Hope Through Death
Luke 23:26-43 (Thieves on the Cross)
6. Hope Rose from the Dead
Luke 24:1-20: (Resurrection)
7. Hope is Waiting for You
Luke 15:11-32 (Prodigal Son)

Note:

All Bible Verses from The English Standard Version (ESV)

TEACHER TIPS

AFTER READING EACH STORY FOLLOW THIS PATTERN:

1. **LEARNER:** Read and Retell the story in his/her own words
2. **TEACHER:** Ask the following questions:
 - What does this story say?
 - Is there a life principle that you can apply?
 - With whom can you share this story?
3. Use the “further” references as needed.
4. Assign homework and schedule the next session!

HOMEWORK

Encourage them to complete the following before each meeting:

- Read the applicable story once a day.
- Pray and look for opportunities to share the story daily.
- Tell the story to someone else at least once a day.
- Report back to teacher within 48 hours about telling the story.

MOVING SESSION TO SESSION

1. Review the material from the previous session.
2. Ask the learner to retell you the story in their own words.
3. Determine if it is appropriate to move on to the next story or to stay on the previous story for an additional session.
4. Remember: We are teaching for their own spiritual discovery while simultaneously training them to be storytellers.

