

temple Baptist CHURCH

3 Circles – A Sample Conversation

Can I show you how God comes near?

[Draw right circle with squiggly line inside representing brokenness]

This is our world, but our world has a crack in it, our world is broken. Turn on the T.V., go on Facebook we see that our world is not the way it should be.

[Draw left circle with love heart in the middle]

That's not the way God made the world. When God made the world, it was full of love, it was a perfect world. In fact, the bible says that when God created the world it was good.

[Draw line with arrow from left circle to right circle]

But the problem is, we don't live in this world anymore, we live in this broken world and that's because you and me we've each gone our own way. We've turned our back on God. We've disobeyed Him and the bible calls that sin.

[Write the word *sin* below the line]

So, because of sin, we live in this broken world. And the people in the broken world, they try to escape from there.

[Draw a squiggly line with arrowheads outside of and away from the right-hand circle]

Some people try money -- If I just won the lottery, if I was rich that would be IT, life would be good and I'd get out of brokenness.

[Draw a second squiggly line with arrowheads outside and away from the right-hand circle]

Other people say-- If I met the right guy, if I met the right girl, if my family was at peace and everyone was happy, that would be IT and then I'd get my way out of brokenness.

[Draw a third squiggly line as above]

Still other people say, let me just enjoy life, let me have fun, let me party, let me just indulge myself and if I do that, then that will lead me out of brokenness.

But here's what you and I know: No matter what we try, any of these things or other things, they are just like bungy cords; we run into them but they just snap us back right into brokenness. So, it feels like there's no way we can get out of this broken world.

But the good news _____*insert name*_____ is that God loves you and He loves me.

[Draw a small door at the bottom edge inside of the right circle]

And he creates a way, this little door, for us to get out of the broken world.

[Draw bottom circle]

And what God does, is He sends His one and only son Jesus Christ to the earth.

[In bottom circle - Draw arrow down]

Jesus is a real man but He is also fully God and He lives a perfect life He never sins once.

[In bottom circle - Draw cross]

But evil men, they hated Him, and they crucified Him on a cross. He died on that cross and was buried in a grave but He did not stay there.

[In bottom circle - Draw arrow up]

On the third day He came back to life. He was resurrected, He rose from the dead. And when He came back to life He overcame our 2 greatest enemies - death and He also overcame the power of sin.

[Put an X through the word SIN]

So, _____*insert name*_____ what that means is you and me we have an opportunity, it's actually in invitation and the invitation is this:

[Draw arrow from right circle near door to bottom circle, write *Turn* and above line]

to turn from our sin because our sin is what left us in brokenness

[write *Trust* above line]

and to trust in Jesus Christ, to trust in Him as the one and only way out of brokenness and to be restored back into the world that God intended us to live in.

[Draw crown on top of bottom circle]

What that means is we make Jesus the King of our lives. And when we make Jesus the King of our lives, He performs a miracle.

[Draw arrow from bottom circle to left circle]

[Draw stick man with newness around them]

He makes us into a brand-new person. And when He makes us into a brand-new person He begins to change us from the inside out and that's how we are restored back into the world that God intended us to live in. We have a brand-new relationship with God.

Well _____ *insert name* _____, the bible says there's only two types of people in the world. One person is here, who's been made new by making Jesus the King of their life.

[Draw stick man above broken world right circle]

And there's another person here who's still living in brokenness. So, every time I share this I always find that people either say they're here, living in brokenness, or they're here, they've been made new by making Jesus the King of their lives.

So, I always like to ask: Where are you on this diagram?

Ok, you're in brokenness. Thank you for saying that.

Can I ask you a second question?

Where would you like to be? Oh, you'd like to be here.

Can I ask you a third question then?

Is there anything keeping you today from turning from your sin and trusting in Jesus and making Him the King of your life?

Would you like to say that prayer now? Oh, very good.

Would you want to repeat that prayer after me?

Ok, let me just show you the prayer that we are going to pray and you pray it after me.

God I'm a sinner and I'm in brokenness.

God I now turn from my sin and I trust in You.

I believe that Your death and Your resurrection is for me.

Jesus, I make You the King of my life.

Make me a new person.

Congratulations!

God has made you new.

Immediately after the Prayer

- Congratulations
 - You have been made New
 - You are now in a new relationship with Jesus a follower of Him.
- Can I tell you a story from the Bible?
 - Mark 1:16-18
 - Strongly emphasize the importance of following Jesus
- Can we meet again?
- What is the best way for me to contact you?
- Can you put your number into my phone?
 - Could you write down your email?
- When could we meet again?