

God's Story

Prepared by: Preston Conder | Last Revised: September 22, 2019

Why

"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep." - 1 Corinthians 15:3-6

- Based on this passage, what do we say?
- *We tell people God's story. The good news of Jesus.*

How

- We need a simple, repeatable, biblical way to share God's story and train trainers
- The tool we use to share God's story is 3 Circles
- Share God's story
- Go step by step and have them write it down

First Circle: Heart

- God created the earth and humans
- He designed us to have a relationship with Him and care for His creation

First Arrow: Runner

- But there was a problem
- We didn't want to just be like God we wanted to call the shots like God and we left God's design

Second Circle: Brokenness and Escape

- As a result we and our world is full of brokenness
- There is brokenness all around us. Sickness, death, racism, war, and poverty
- There is brokenness within us. We lack purpose, we feel isolated, we are never satisfied

- We've tried to find a way out of the brokenness but nothing seems to work
- Success, sex, suicide, popularity, money, fame nothing can help us escape the brokenness
- We all know life shouldn't be this way!

Third Circle: Gospel Symbols

- The good news is that God still loves us and wants a relationship with us!
- He knew we couldn't escape the brokenness and there was only one way to help us
- God became a human named Jesus
- Jesus was fully human like us so He knows what temptation and hardship is like
- Jesus is also fully God so He loved and lived perfectly
- Jesus died on a cross out of sacrificial love taking our punishment, guilt, and shame upon Himself and giving us His perfect life
- Jesus was buried and three days later rose again. Jesus defeated death itself
- Jesus was seen by over 500 people and then ascended to Heaven
- Jesus sent His Spirit to transform us from the inside
- Jesus started a people who were to show and tell the world of the hope for a new life

Second Arrow: Call to Action

- Jesus has invited all people to follow Him
- I followed Jesus and have personally experienced the life change He provides
- I want to you to know His love and experience the freedom and hope He offers

Third Arrow: Failure and Success

- We all have two options
- Number one. Stay in brokenness and live life now and forever apart from God
- Number two. Follow Jesus as King and be forgiven, come back into a relationship with God, and participate in His worldwide mission to love and bless all people until one day King Jesus will return and make all things new.
- There will be no more evil, no more death, no more brokenness. We will be with God and care for His new creation

Invite Them to Respond

- Where are you at in this drawing?
- Where would you like to be?
- Is there anything keeping you from submitting your life to King Jesus and returning to God's design?

Help Them Respond

1. Red Light: "No"

- Move on to find prepared people
- Continue to pray for them to become open to Jesus

2. Yellow Light: "Not yet"

- Ask them if they would want to meet again and continue to talk about Jesus
- Pick a day and time and put it in your calendar
- Next time. Share stories of answered prayers, pray for their needs, help them start relationships with believers, help them see their sin problem, pray they would consider following Jesus
- Listen for hangups (lifestyle, intellectual, hurt by Christians, never heard the gospel, etc.)

3. Green Light: "Yes!"

- Pray for them
- Tell them Jesus commanded His disciples to be baptized
- If possible do it immediately
- Pick a place with water (pool, lake, hot tub, church)
- Bring a towel and maybe change of clothes
- Invite friends
- Once there have them share why they are wanting to be baptized, ask them if they believe Jesus is Lord and want to commit their life to Him and making disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- Then immediately set a time to train them in Discipleship 101
- They need to start sharing their story and God's story with their People Map ASAP!

Practice

- Pair up and train your partner in question 3 what of Discipleship 101
- Lastly, one of you train your partner by beginning with 1 Corinthians 15 and finishing by telling them to train their partner

Make Disciple Makers

- After they finish training, ask your disciples the questions below
- "What was challenging about training your partner?"
- "What could you do to be a more effective trainer for your disciples?"
- Have you invited anyone to start training with you?
- How is your training going?
- "What challenges do you foresee when you start to train your own Huddle in the what (God's Story) of Discipleship 101?"
- Next week we will start the Commands of Christ
- Lay hands and pray to live sent