

## Turning Conversations to the Gospel...

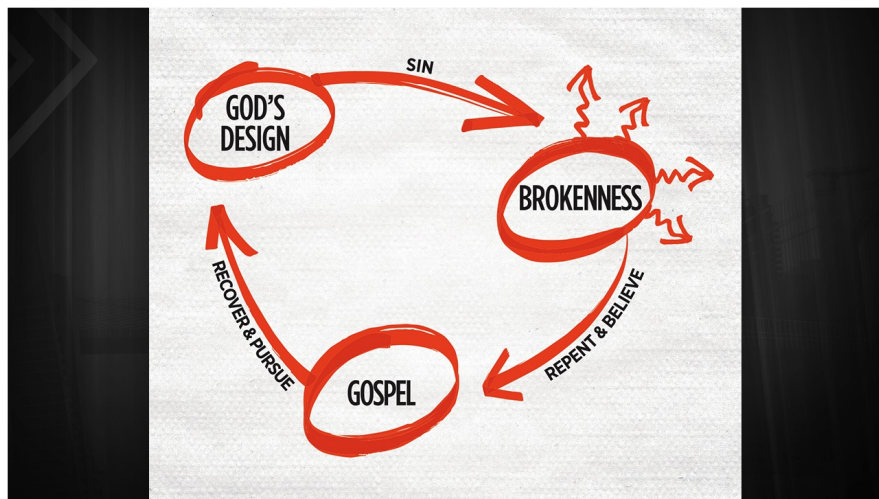
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For many people the idea of injecting Jesus into their conversations causes great anxiety and fear. While they have a deep desire to see their friends have a relationship with Christ they feel ill prepared to broach the conversation. WHY?

The fear of the unknown is paralyzing for almost all of us. We are learning that intentional, frequent training helps everyone feel better equipped and more confident to turn everyday conversations into gospel conversations. the average person has twenty-seven conversations everyday. Did you get that? 27 CONVERSATIONS. What if through effective training we could help believers turn many of the conversations to the gospel?

Here is what we are finding to be effective training for followers of Christ in our church.

1. Listen for problems, issues or concerns. You will be amazed with the things people share with you everyday.
2. Transition these conversations to the gospel. When people share a problem, issue or concern transition your conversation to the gospel. A phrase we commonly use is, "Thank you for sharing this problem with me. I haven't been through this exact situation but I have face many trials that are similar. I'd like to share something that has given me great hope when I have faced issues like yours. May I share with you?"
3. We've trained our folks to share the gospel using the 3 Circle Tool that we've developed. This tool is a conversation guide and it is reproducible and reproducing.



4. After we have shared the gospel we ask those we are sharing with if they would like to respond to the gospel through repentance and belief in the gospel.

5. Response time- Acts 17:32-34 says, “Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” So Paul went out from their midst. But some men joined him and believed.

Here we see a red light, yellow light and a green light response. Our leaders when trained appreciate knowing that one of these responses is all they need to be prepared for.

Red Light Response or “No”- Our response- Thank you for allowing me to share. If you ever find your place in the place of brokenness please remember our conversation and that God has made a provision for you through His son Jesus. This is a great red light response.

Yellow Light Response or “I need to think about it”- I understand because it really is a lot to consider. There is a group of us that meets at my home on Tuesday nights and we are actually doing what you mentioned. We are thinking about these things and you are invited any time you’d like to join us.

Green Light Response or “Yes”- With a green light response we lead the person in a prayer of salvation expressing repentance, faith, their belief in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ and their willingness to become a follower of Christ.