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Brief Description:

This shape is a description of the overarching narrative of the Bible, and a handy tool for sharing the gospel in a concise and accessible way.

Scriptures: *John 3:16*

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

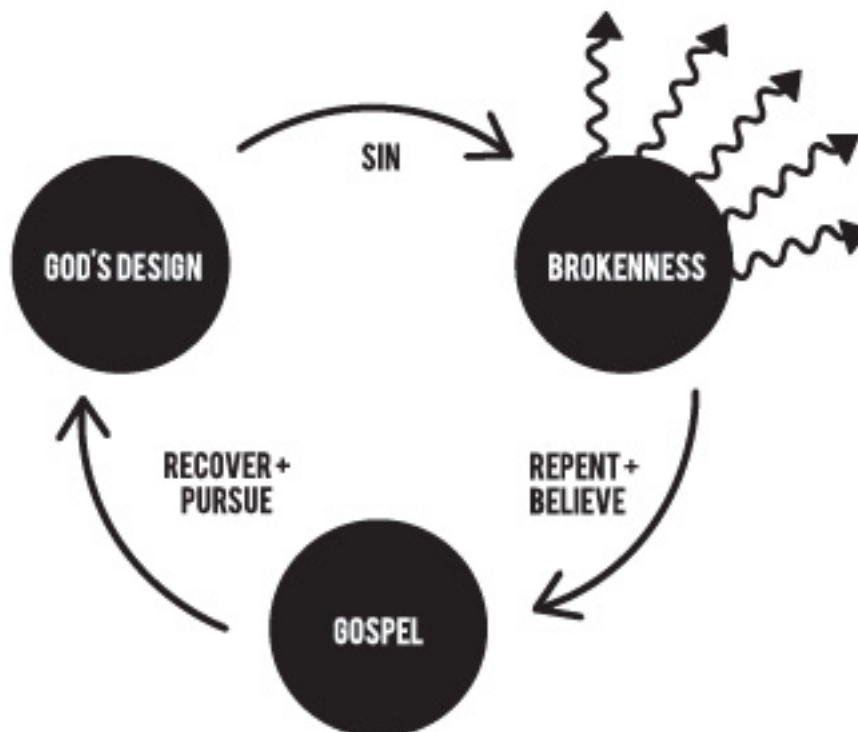
Romans 3:23-24

23for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Situations in which to use the shape:

1. While sharing the gospel.
2. While helping a new believer understand the overarching narrative of the Bible.
3. When helping a follower of Jesus understand mission and sharing the gospel.
4. While training someone in your huddle on how to share the gospel simply.
5. Helping your huddle see the beauty of God's design and the destruction and sin and why we pursue God's design with our lives.

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People often talk about the brokenness in the world or in their lives specifically. Those conversations are actually connected to the gospel. Everyone can agree that the world is broken. But God didn't design it that way. God's design is perfect and is the way things are meant to be. But sin caused brokenness. Sin is turning away from God's design and pursuing our own way. It's rebellion against God. This leads us to brokenness and eventually death.

But God doesn't want us to stay in brokenness so he offers us a way out through Jesus. Jesus enters into our brokenness. The death that we deserve for pursuing brokenness is taken by Jesus. He rose from the dead, making a way out of brokenness.

People try many things to deal with or fix the brokenness they experience (the squiggly arrows in the shape). We may try to numb the pain through substances. We often try to distract ourselves through entertainment. We may put our hope in things like success in education or a career. Many of us believe relationships will heal our brokenness. Finally, many of us look to religion to help us fix our brokenness by thinking if our good outweighs our bad we can get back to God's design. But all of these are futile attempts to get out of brokenness and in fact just lead us further from God and his perfect design.

But God, out of His love for us, knows our issue, sees our brokenness caused by our sin and he decided to do something about it. The only way out of brokenness is through Jesus. God sent his son to come and rescue us out of our brokenness and bring us back to his perfect design. Not only is God loving in sending Jesus, but he is also just. Our sin has to be punished; God's justice will not let the hurtful and wrong things that happen in the world, that we've all contributed to, go unnoticed and dealt with. When Jesus died on the cross he did so to take the punishment that we deserved. If we confess and turn from our sin (repent) and believe in what Jesus did for us, we can be healed from our brokenness and freed to pursue and recover God's design. More than that, we can go - being sent just like Jesus back into the brokenness to tell people about Jesus and what he has done for them.

Questions to ask in huddle:

- 1.Can you clearly articulate the gospel? What do you believe? Do you know how to share what you believe?
- 2.There are two types of people in the world: people pursuing God's design and people trapped in brokenness. Where are you? Where is the person you're talking to?
- 3.What brokenness has God freed you from? What brokenness has he sent you into in order to share about Jesus?
- 4.Where do you see brokenness and long to see God's design reestablished in the world?

Resources and Sources:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7mURm-8cOI>

Great short video. At the end, it shows how God sends us believers to Go back into brokenness to tell people about the gospel/Jesus. So, it incorporates becoming a believer as well as the mandate for mission!

<https://www.namb.net/video/3-circles-life-conversation-guide>

<http://lifeonmissionbook.com/conversation-guide> (includes videos, sermons, powerpoints, etc.)

