



# **3 CIRCLES GOSPEL PRESENTATION**

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The 3 Circles Gospel Presentation is a simple way to help your non-Christian friend see God's good plan for the world, the brokenness brought by sin, and how Jesus came to restore us to himself. This lesson will walk you through how to share the gospel with someone. Feel free to make this presentation your own. The best gospel presentation comes from an overflow of your heart, not a routine script.

## Part One: God's Design

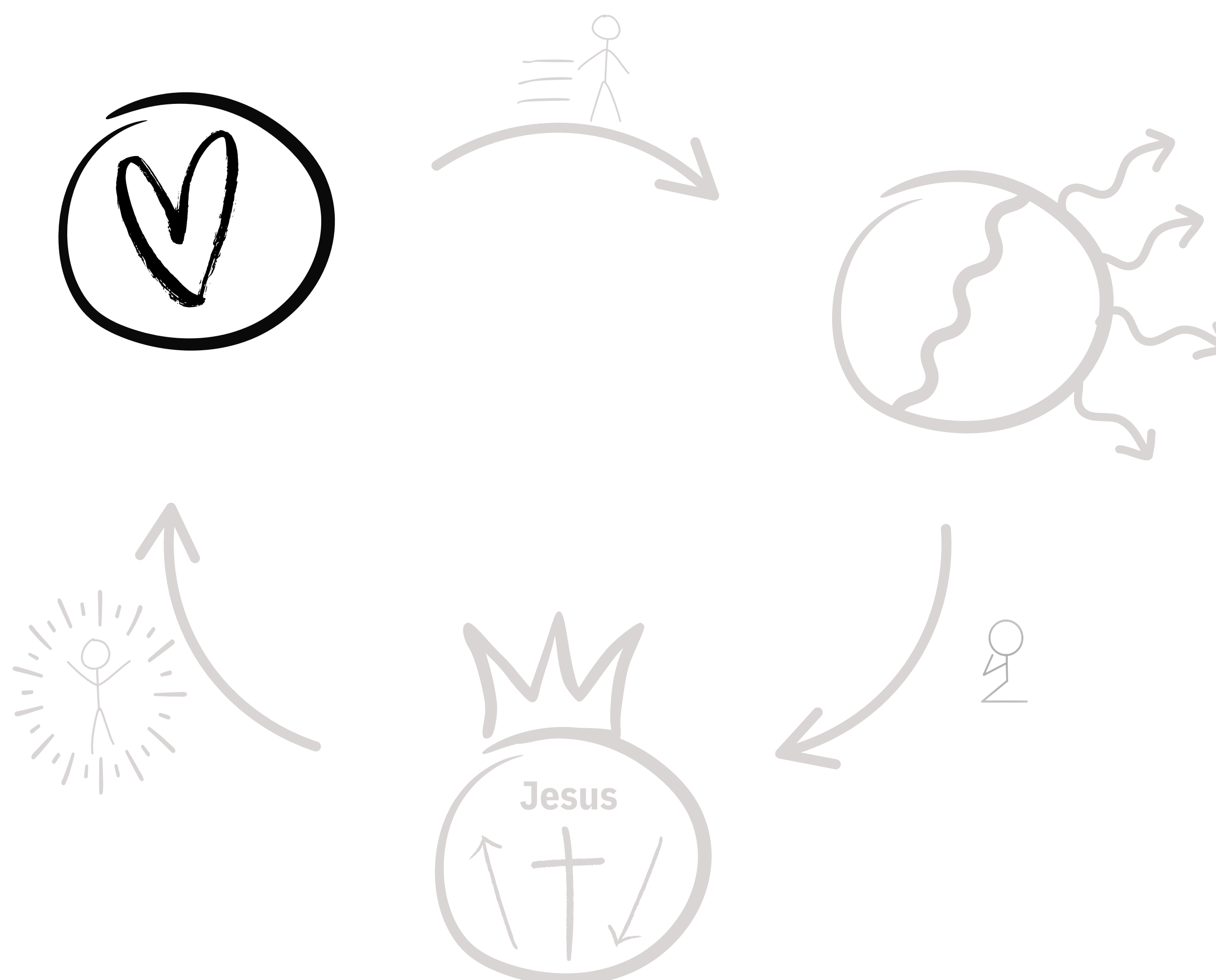
The world is broken. Ask: *What are some ways we know the world is broken?* (Sickness, pain, death, etc.)

Not only is there brokenness in the world, but there is also beauty. Ask: *What kind of beauty is in the world around us?* (Mountains, sunset, oceans, kind acts, etc.)

You can say something like: *The Bible tells us God originally planned for the world to be perfect and beautiful where everything worked together in harmony. He created us with a purpose: to worship him and walk with him.*

- Have your friend read Genesis 1:31. Ask: *How does God describe the world he created?* (Very good)
- Next, read Psalm 19:1. Ask: *Why was nature created?* (To declare God's glory)

Draw your first circle on the paper. Draw a heart in the circle. Say: *This circle represents God's design for the world. His design was perfect, and we were made to walk in relationship with him.*



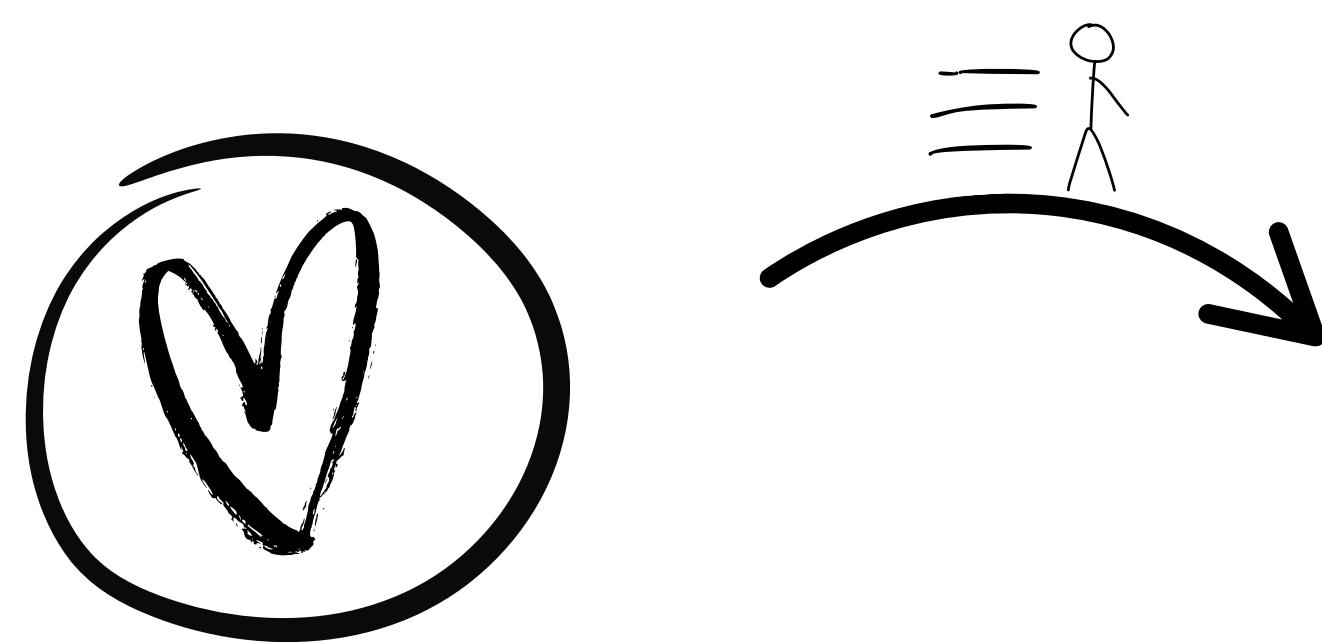
## Part Two: Sin

However, when we step out of God's design and try to do things our own way, things start to become broken.

Say something similar to: *When we walk in selfishness and insist on doing things our own way apart from God, the Bible calls this sin. All of us have sinned and tried to change the original design God has for our lives. The consequence of our sin is separation from God. God is perfect and holy. When we sin, we can't have a relationship with this holy and perfect God because we are apart from his design. Sin leads to death, both in this life and for eternity.*

- Have your friend read Romans 3:23. Ask: *Who has sinned?* (All)
- Now read Romans 6:23a. Ask: *What is the result of sin?* (Death)

Draw an arrow leading away from the circle representing God's design. You can even add a person walking away.



## Part Three: Brokenness

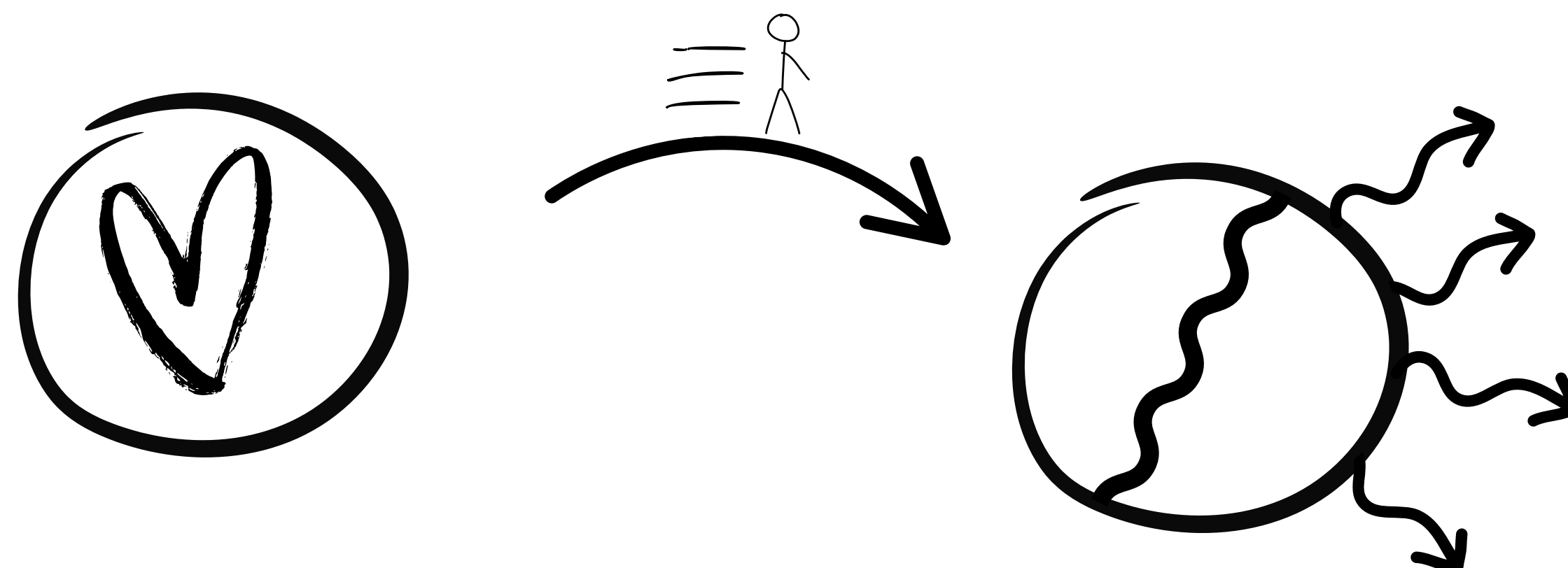
Sin leads to brokenness. Brokenness is all around us. It leads to pain, hardships and suffering.

Say something like: *When we see that our life has become broken, we tend to look for ways out of the brokenness to make everything better. We start to look to many different things to make life better on our own.*

Ask: *What are some ways we try to fix our own lives?* (seeking success in work or school, doing good deeds or being religious, pursuing relationships, or seeking relief from drugs or alcohol).

- Have the person read Romans 1:25. Ask: *What are some of the lies that people turn to instead of God's truth?* (Wealth, power, success, 'I can do it on my own,' etc.)
- Now read Proverbs 14:12. Ask: *Ultimately, where do all of our own pursuits lead?* (Death)

Draw a second circle. This circle represents brokenness. Put a crack down the middle of the circle. You can also draw arrows coming out from the second circle. You can label each arrow for different ways the person you are sharing with referred to as ways we try to fix our own brokenness.



## Part Four: Gospel

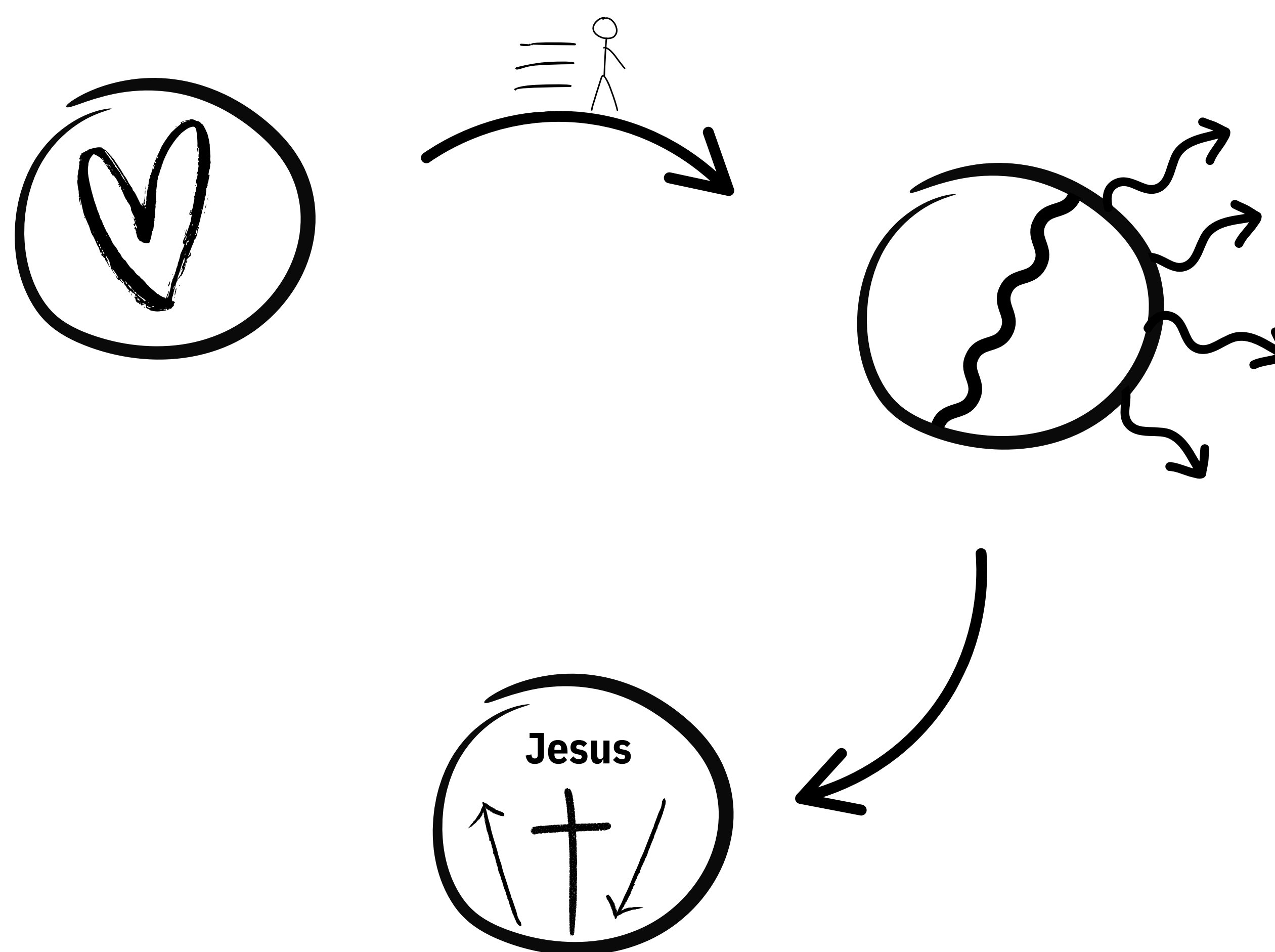
Our own attempts to fix our brokenness do not work. No amount of our own work fixes the problem.

Say something like: *God loves us. He looks down at our brokenness and provides us a way to get back into right relationship with him. He sent Jesus, his son, to come down from heaven as a human and to live a perfect life according to God's design.*

*He did for us what we couldn't do. He took the penalty of our sin to the cross and payed the penalty of our sin by his death. Jesus was then raised from the dead, defeating sin and providing a way for us to be restored to a right relationship with God.*

- Have your friend read John 3:16. Ask: *Why did God send Jesus?* (He loves us)
- Next, read Colossians 2:14. Ask: *How does 'Jesus dying on a cross' help us?* (Erased our sin debt)
- Finally, read 1 Corinthians 15:3-4. Ask: *What happened after Jesus died?* (He was raised from the dead)

Draw an arrow from the second circle down toward a third circle. This circle represents the gospel. Write the name **Jesus** in the circle. Draw a cross and two arrows to represent how Jesus came down to earth, died on the cross, and rose from the dead, returning to heaven.



## Part Five: Repent and Believe

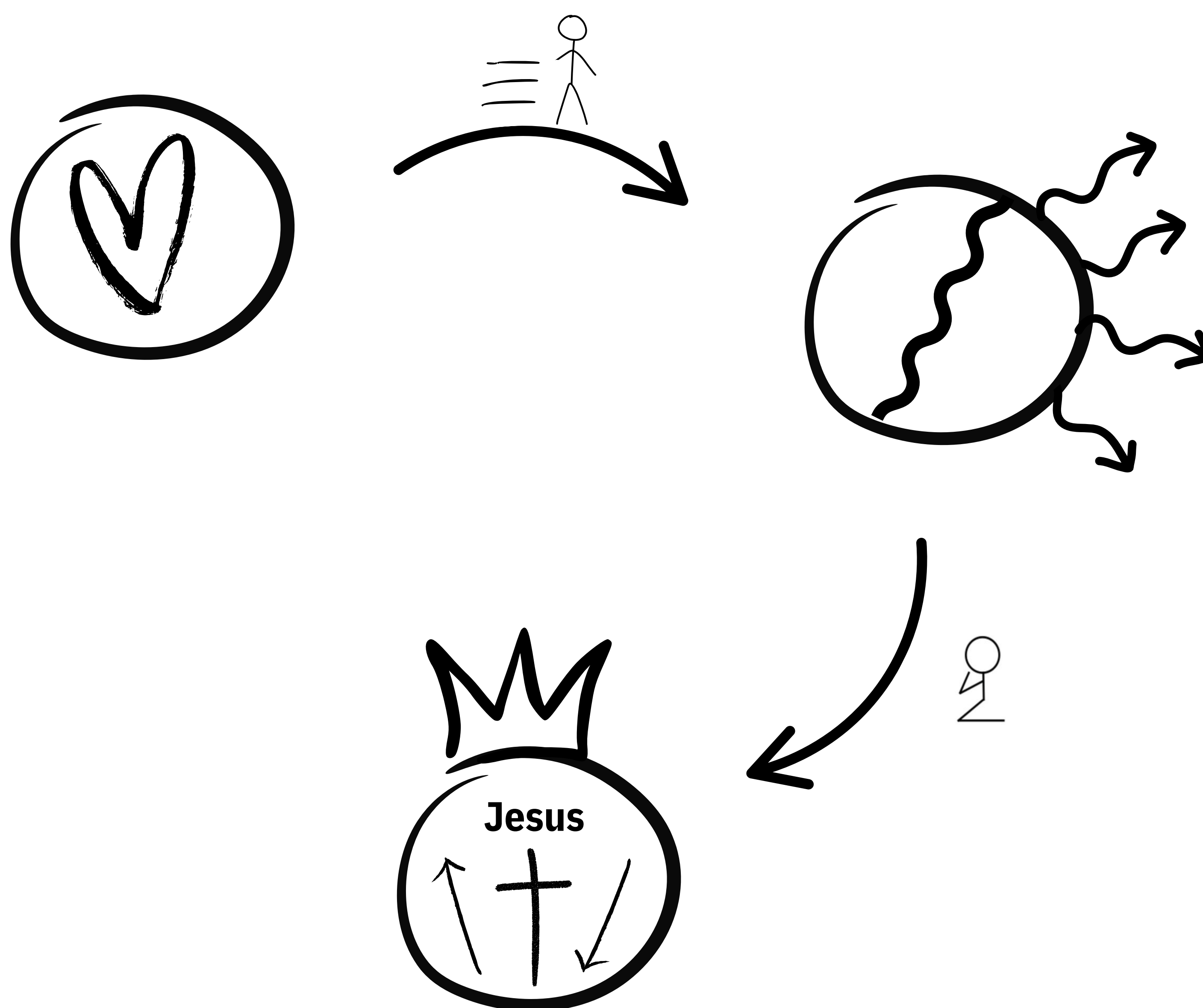
The Gospel is good news. But it isn't enough just to hear about the good news Jesus has done. We must respond.

Make sure to say something similar to: *To be restored into a right relationship with God, we need to own our brokenness. We must admit to our sin and stop trusting in ourselves to fix our own brokenness. We must realize we need rescue.*

*We need to ask God to forgive us and turn from our sin and brokenness and trust that Jesus is the only one who can heal our brokenness. We look to Jesus to rule our hearts and minds and follow his example as we pursue a right relationship with God.*

- Read Mark 1:15. Say: *The Bible says when the kingdom of God comes near we must repent and believe.*
- Have your friend read Ephesians 2:8-9. Ask: *Who does the work of salvation? What saves us?* (Jesus does the work by grace through faith, not our own works)
- Lastly, read Romans 10:9. Ask: *What two things does the Bible say we need to do to be saved?* (We say with our mouths that Jesus is Lord and believe that he was raised from the dead.)

Draw a person praying in the arrow that leads from brokenness to Jesus. Put a crown on the circle representing Jesus to show that we follow Jesus as Lord.

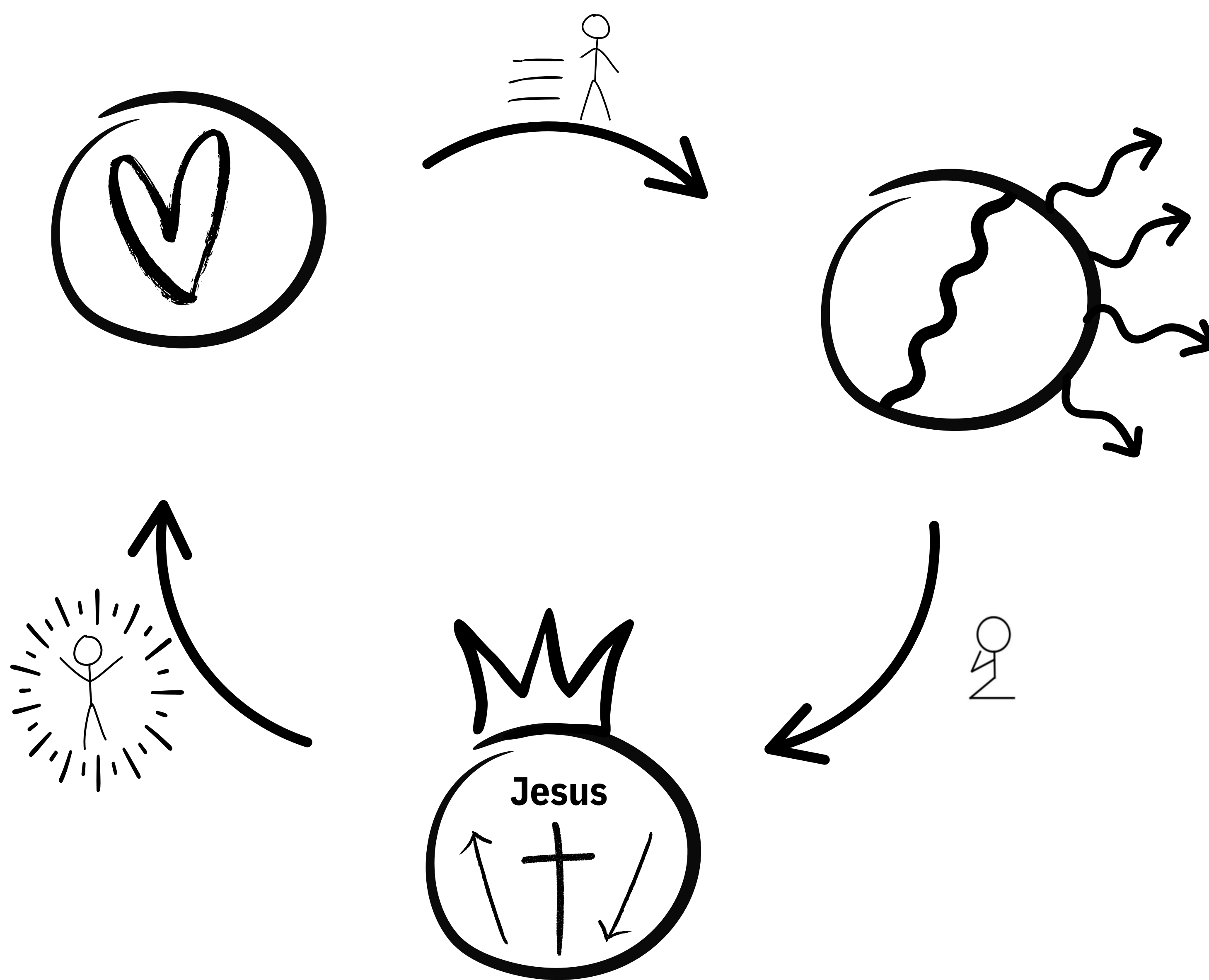


## Part Six: New Creation

You can say: *When we are forgiven of our sin and ask God to restore our relationship with him, we are free to pursue God's design in all areas of our life. We begin to discover meaning and purpose in a broken world. God empowers us to walk with him and to pursue his presence and purpose in this life and for eternity.*

- Have your friend read Philippians 2:13. Ask: *What is God doing in our lives?* (Working to fulfill his good purposes)
- Now read Ephesians 2:10. Ask: *What were we created to do?* (Good works God has prepared for us)

Draw another arrow leading from the gospel circle back to the circle representing God's design. You can even add a stick figure with lines in a circle to show new life.



## Part Seven: What now?

This is a very important part. You have just shared the best news in the world with your friend, but it is important to remember that unless you let them know what to do with this information and invite them into a relationship with Jesus as their Lord and Savior, they don't know what to do. This part will test your nerve because the silence might feel awkward. It's ok. Ask your questions and give the Holy Spirit time to work in their heart and mind.

- Ask: *Which of the top circles are you in? Are you walking in brokenness or are you walking with God according to his design?*
- Ask: *Which circle do you want to be in?*
- Read together Romans: 10:9 and 10:13 together. Say: *The Bible says if you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised him from the dead then you will be saved. Anyone who believes can be saved.*

**Say: Now that you have heard this good news, God wants you to respond.** Ask the person if they are ready to give their lives to God. If so, you can lead them in a prayer like this:

*My life is broken. I know it is because of my own sin and choices. I need you.  
I believe Christ came to live, die and was raised from the dead to rescue me from my sin.  
Please forgive me. I turn from my selfishness and my own way and put my trust in you.  
Jesus, from this point on I will follow you as Lord of my life.*

If they are not ready to make Jesus Christ their Lord and Savior, tell them it's okay and you still want to be their friend, and they can come talk to you about any questions they might have as they think through all they have heard.

## Application

- Now that you know this method, find a fellow Christian to practice it with several times until you have it memorized. Who is a friend you can practice with?
- Who is someone who is not a Christian you can share this with?

## Suggested Memory Verse

Romans 10:9-10