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Fall 2021



ON MISSION

Week 2: God's Design

LET'S TALK

Start your time together by asking everyone the following questions...

1) What's the greatest experience of your life...or...what's the most beautiful place you've ever been?

2) What made that experience or place so amazing?

We all have moments when things feel right or good. Something inside us recognizes that there's more to life than our ordinary experience. In tonight's session we'll discuss God's original design and intention for our lives.

LET'S WATCH

Follow the notes on the next page as you watch this week's video featuring Ellis Prince and jot down any other thoughts you may have...

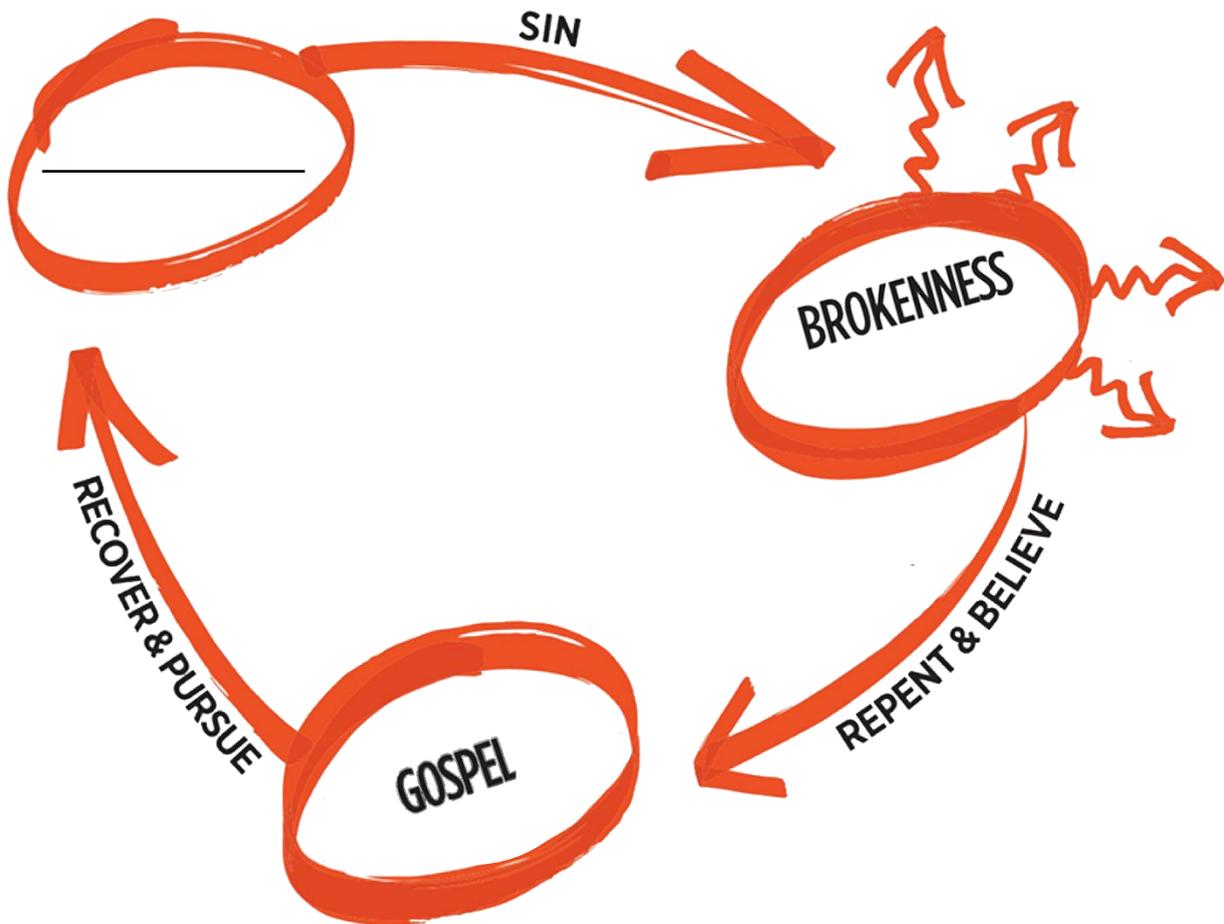
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- God's design is birthed out of relationship.
- Jesus died so we could be a family.
- God's design is selflessness. The world is selfish.
- You represent a family. The end result of the gospel is an expanded family.
- When you live your life on display, people are going to initiate the conversation with you. When they initiate it, they're ready to hear what you have to say.
- Ask God's Spirit who, when, and how to begin to talk to people.
- If you do not share a personal story of interaction with God, your evangelism is going to fall short.

Key Scriptures: Genesis 3:8, John 13:35, 1 Peter 3:15, Colossians 3:5-14
Galatians 5:19-23, Luke 15:4-6

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LET'S RESPOND



Begin the response time by filling in the missing words above.

(The diagram in each session will build on the previous one.)

Have two people read Genesis 1:31 and Psalm 19:1.

1) How would you describe God's design for all creation?

Have three people read John 13:35; Colossians 3:12-14; & Galatians 5:22-23

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2) In the video Ellis said, “God’s design is birthed out of relationship,” and we “represent a family.” What does that mean?

3) How would you introduce a discussion about God’s design in a conversation? What could you point to in nature or in daily life to direct the conversation toward God and His design?

Conversations often start with brokenness--hardship, pain, and suffering. In the next session we’ll learn how to make the transition from relating to someone’s experience of brokenness to sharing the hope of God’s perfect design.

4) In what ways do you see people longing for God’s design but not necessarily recognizing that hunger?

Finally, in the video Ellis emphasized the need to share our experiences.

5) How can the church--all God’s people--experience more of God by fully embracing His design for life on mission?

Close your time together by spending time with your prayer/accountability partner. Take a minute to highlight one aspect of tonight’s study that was new to you or that you are seeing in a new light. Pray for each other and spend time lifting up the five people you committed to praying for on your “Commitment Card.”