

7 COMMANDS OF CHRIST



A GUIDE TO LEADING A NEW
BELIEVER THROUGH THE
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THE THREE CIRCLES: AN EASY GOSPEL SHARING TOOL



The 3 Circles starts with God's Design. From there, our departure from God's design as sinful people leads us into brokenness. Our relief from brokenness is found in repentance. We must repent and believe the Gospel in order to be rescued from brokenness. The Gospel is Christ dying in our place on the cross and taking the penalty that we deserve for our sins. He was resurrected, and in turn we are resurrected into a new life when we believe in the Gospel. Through God's grace we are able to recover and pursue His design for our lives – from wherever we are.

ROMANS 3:23
ROMANS 6:23A

SIN

ROMANS 1:25
PROVERBS 14:12

GENESIS 1:31
PSALM 19:1

GOD'S
DESIGN

BROKENNESS

RECOVER
AND
PURSUE

PHILIPPIANS 2:13
EPHESIANS 2:10

GOSPEL



REPENT
AND
BELIEVE

MARK 1:15B
EPHESIANS 2:8-9
ROMANS 10:9

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1. REPENT & BELIEVE

- Read Command: Mark 1:15, Jesus says...
- Tell Story: Luke 7:36-50 (The woman weeping at Jesus' feet)

2. BAPTISM

- Read Command: Matthew 28:19, Jesus says...
- Tell Story: Acts 8:26-39 (Philip and the Ethiopian Official)

3. GATHER

- Read Command: Hebrews 10:24-25, God tells us to....
- Tell Story: Acts 2:41-47 (First Church Formed)

4. LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS

- Read Command: Matthew 22:37-39, Jesus says...
- Tell Story: Luke 10:25-37 (The Good Samaritan)

5. MAKE DISCIPLES

- Read Command: Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus says...
- Tell Story: John 4:4-42 (The Samaritan Woman at the Well)

6. PRAY

- Read Command: Matthew 6:9-13, Jesus says...
- Tell Story: Matthew 6:5-15 (Jesus Teaches about Prayer)

7. PERSEVERE

- Read Command: John 16:33, Jesus says...
- Tell Story: Luke 22:39-47 (Gethsemane & Crucifixion)

TEACHER TIPS FOR MOVING SESSION TO SESSION:

1. Review the material from the previous session.
2. Ask the disciple to retell you the story in his/her own words.
3. Determine if it is appropriate to move on to the next command or to stay on the previous command for an additional session.
4. Remember: The goal is loving accountability, not to shame! We are teaching for their own spiritual growth while simultaneously training them to be disciple makers.

HOMEWORK

Encourage the disciple to complete the following before each meeting:

- Read the applicable story once a day.
- Pray and look for opportunities to share the story each day.
- Tell the story to someone else at least once a day.
- Report back to teacher within 48 hours about telling the story.

GETTING STARTED...

COMMAND OF CHRIST 1

REPENT & BELIEVE

DISCIPLE: Read the command: Mark 1:15

TEACHER: Briefly explain the command

DISCIPLE: Read the story: Luke 7:36-50

TEACHER: Ask: "What does this story say about us?" and "What does it say about Jesus?"

DISCIPLE: Tell the story in his/her own words
(Affirm their storytelling and ask them to listen to you while you tell the story. Encourage them to see if they can pick up on anything new.)

TEACHER: Tell the story in his/her own words

DISCIPLE: Retell the story in his/her own words

KEYS TO PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING:

- What does "repent mean"?
- What does "believe" mean?
- Why should we repent?
- Who should repent?
- What assurance do we have that ours sins are forgiven?

For further reference: Romans 10:9-10, Acts 2:38-41,
1 John 1:9, 2 Corinthians 5:21, John 10:28

Assign homework and schedule the next session!

COMMAND OF CHRIST 2 BAPTISM

DISCIPLE: Read the command: Matthew 28:19

TEACHER: Briefly explain the command

DISCIPLE: Read the story: Acts 8:26-39

TEACHER: Ask: "What does this story tell new believers to do to identify with Jesus?"

DISCIPLE: Tell the story in his/her own words
(Affirm their storytelling and ask them to listen to you while you tell the story. Encourage them to see if they can pick up on anything new.)

TEACHER: Tell the story in his/her own words

DISCIPLE: Retell the story in his/her own words

KEYS TO PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING:

- What is baptism?
- Why should we be baptized?
- How should we be baptized?

For further reference: Romans 6:3-4, Matthew 3:13-16, Acts 2:38

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COMMAND OF CHRIST 3 GATHER

DISCIPLE: Read the command: Hebrews 10:24-25

TEACHER: Briefly explain the command

DISCIPLE: Reads the story: Acts 2:41-47

TEACHER: Ask: "What does this story tell us to do with other believers to continue growing in Christ?"

DISCIPLE: Tell the story in his/her own words
(Affirm their storytelling and ask them to listen to you while you tell the story. Encourage them to see if they can pick up on anything new.)

TEACHER: Tell the story in his/her own words

DISCIPLE: Retell the story in his/her own words

KEYS TO PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING:

- What did the disciples do when they gathered?
- How do other believers encourage our faith?
- How do we help others grow in their faith?

For further reference: Acts 4:32, 1 Corinthians 11:23-28, Philippians 4:6-7, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, Colossians 3:16

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COMMAND OF CHRIST 4 LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS

DISCIPLE: Read the command: Matthew 22:37-39

TEACHER: Briefly explain the command

DISCIPLE: Read the story: Luke 10:25-37

TEACHER: Ask: "How does this story tell believers to treat others?"

DISCIPLE: Tell the story in his/her own words
(Affirm their storytelling and ask them to listen to you while you tell the story. Encourage them to see if they can pick up on anything new.)

TEACHER: Tell the story in his/her own words

DISCIPLE: Retell the story in his/her own words

KEYS TO PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING:

- What is love?
- Why do we love?
- How do we demonstrate love to our neighbors?

For further reference: John 15:13, John 13:34-35, James 2:8, 1 John 4:7-12

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COMMAND OF CHRIST 5 MAKE DISCIPLES

DISCIPLE: Reads the command: Matthew 28:18-20

TEACHER: Briefly explain the command

DISCIPLE: Read the story: John 4:4-42

TEACHER: Discuss how God uses new believers in His work of making disciples.

DISCIPLE: Tell the story in his/her own words
(Affirm their storytelling and ask them to listen to you while you tell the story. Encourage them to see if they can pick up on anything new.)

TEACHER: Tell the story in his/her own words

DISCIPLE: Retell the story in his/her own words

KEYS TO PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING:

- With whom should we share the gospel?
- What should we say?
- Who is qualified to go?
- Practice the 3 Circles

For further reference: John 4:16 & 29, Romans 1:16,
2 Corinthians 5:17-21, 1 Peter 3:15

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COMMAND OF CHRIST 6 PRAY

DISCIPLE: Read the command: Matthew 6:9-13

TEACHER: Briefly explain the command

DISCIPLE: Read the story: Matthew 6:5-15

TEACHER: Ask: "What do we learn in the prayer Jesus gave us that helps us when we pray?"

DISCIPLE: Tell the story in his/her own words
(Affirm their storytelling and ask them to listen to you while you tell the story. Encourage them to see if they can pick up on anything new.)

TEACHER: Tell the story in his/her own words

DISCIPLE: Retell the story in his/her own words

KEYS TO PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING:

- Why do we pray?
- How do we pray?
- How do we know God hears our prayers?

For further reference: Philippians 4:6-7, 1 John 5:13-15, Jeremiah 33:3, Psalm 34:4

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COMMAND OF CHRIST 7 PERSEVERE

DISCIPLE: Reads the command: John 16:33

TEACHER: Briefly explain the command

DISCIPLE: Read the story: Luke 22:39-47

TEACHER: Ask: "What do we learn about how Jesus persevered to do the work God gave Him to do?"

DISCIPLE: Tell the story in his/her own words
(Affirm their storytelling and ask them to listen to you while you tell the story. Encourage them to see if they can pick up on anything new.)

TEACHER: Tell the story in his/her own words

DISCIPLE: Retell the story in his/her own words

KEYS TO PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING:

- What does it mean to persevere?
- How can we persevere through trials and temptation?
- What do we gain through persevering?

For further reference: John 15:18-25, James 1:2-3,
1 Peter 1:6-7, Colossians 1:11

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