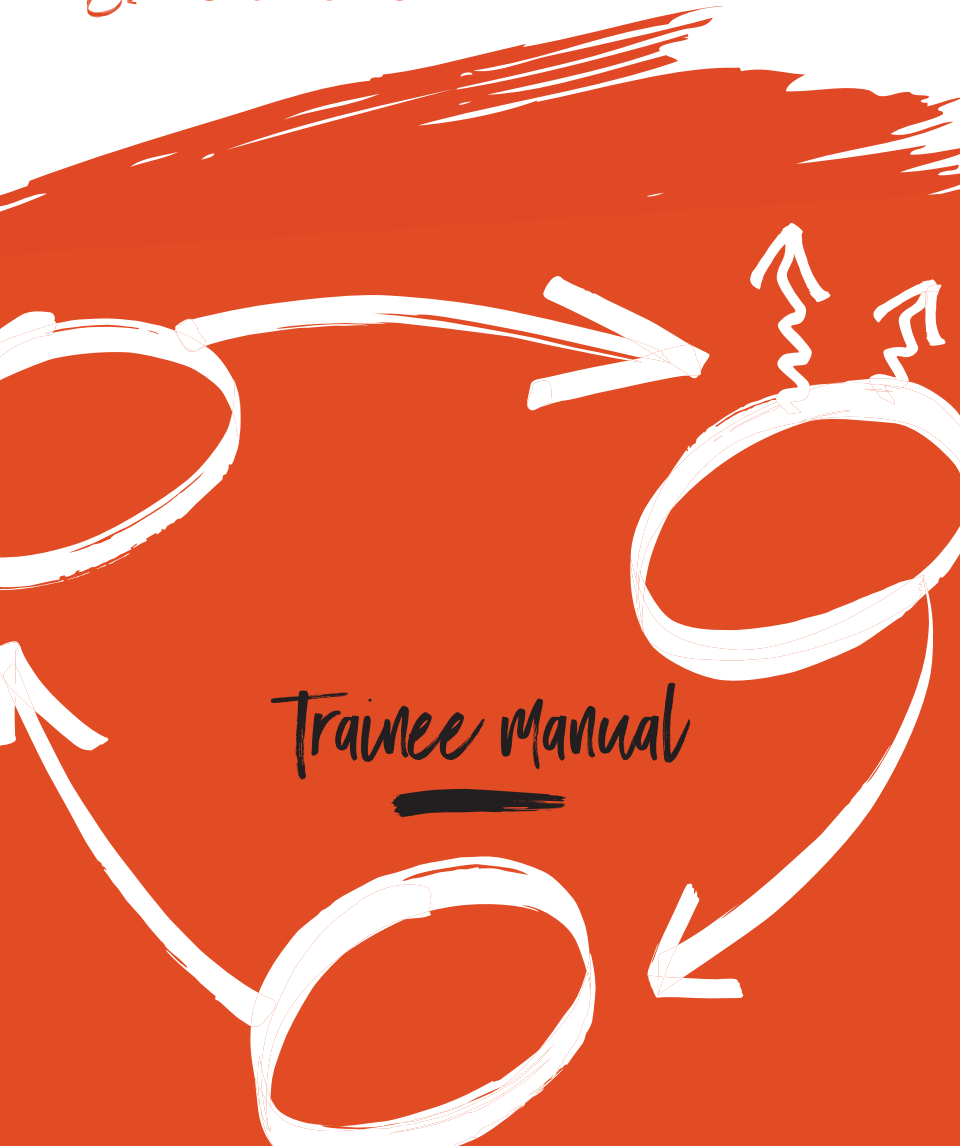




3 CIRCLES



Trainee manual



3 CIRCLES Trainee Manual

This six-week training will empower you to turn everyday conversations into gospel conversations using the 3 Circles.

Please note the foundational principles for this six-week training:

1 This is a six-week training, not a Bible study.

The emphasis won't be on teaching, but on training and reps (practicing what you have learned in each session). Your facilitator is a trainer, not a teacher. He or she will be like the coach running through the fundamentals each week—training you to turn everyday conversations into gospel conversations. The goal is for you to be obedient to do what you are trained to do. If you want to do personal Bible study time outside of your training sessions, you can read and study: Matthew 28:19-20, 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 and the book of Acts.

2 “Focused prayer” is prayer for those who are far from God only.

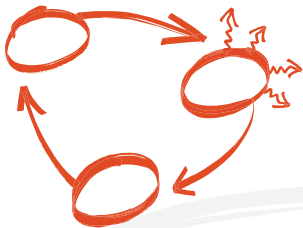
We will provide specific instruction as we go along, but it is crucial that our prayer time during the training sessions is not for our personal needs. This is not discounting our need to pray for one another, but this six-week plan sends us into the battle zone for peoples’ eternal lives and one of our only weapons is prayer (Eph. 6:18-19).

3 Never skip practice time.

One of the primary reasons people fail to turn everyday conversations into gospel conversations is because they have never practiced doing it (lack of reps)! We will take time to practice even though it may feel awkward and unnatural. If you need to skip some aspect of a training session, **never** skip the reps.

4 Celebrating stories is key.

When we take time to share stories of how we were obedient to turn everyday conversations into gospel conversations, we are simultaneously holding each other accountable and building up one another. One of the reasons the gospel spread like wildfire in the book of Acts is because people could not stop talking about what they had seen and heard (Acts 4:20). Text or email your trainer stories about the gospel conversations you have. Use social media #3Circles to help build momentum.



THE 3 CIRCLES

Introductions

Video Session Listening Guide

We want every _____ of your
community to have _____ opportunities to hear
and _____ to the gospel.

We have to get serious about reaching people _____
_____.

We have to get serious about _____ and the
_____ of the Holy Spirit.

We have to get serious about having more _____
_____.

We're going to train you to use the 3 Circles to turn _____ conversations into _____ conversations.

We're going to train you and help you get _____.

Class Training Reps

Assignment 1: Partner up and take turns sharing the 3 Circles with each other. Find a partner in the room you don't know and take turns sharing the 3 Circles with each other.

Assignment 2: Download the 3 Circles app by searching "3 Circles" on the iTunes app store or Google Play.

Personal Training Reps

Assignment 1: Practice the 3 Circles with someone three times this week. You can practice with a family member or friend—a believer or non-believer. A great way to start conversations is to say, "I'm taking at class at church and was wondering if I could practice what I'm learning on you?"

Text or email any gospel conversations you have to your leader. Use #3Circles on social media.

Assignment 2: Focused prayer is going to be a key component to our training. God is reconciling the world to Himself (2 Cor.

5:19). It's His work, and we have to trust Him to do it. Prayer aligns our hearts with God's heart for the lost. It helps us tune in to do God's work in God's way. Jesus said people only come to Him if the Father draws them (John 6:44). He says that we can ask for anything in His name, and He will do it (John 14:14). We know that praying for people's salvation is in His will because the Bible says He doesn't want anyone to perish (2 Pet. 3:9).

Write down the names of four people you know personally who have yet to repent and believe the gospel. The four people are: a family member, a friend, a neighbor or co-worker and that one person who you would say will "never" repent and believe. This is the most far from God (FFG) person you know! For example, Saul of Tarsus, a Pharisee and persecutor of early Christians, would have been on someone's prayer list as the most FFG person he knew. Yet God knew that Saul would become Paul and he would one day spearhead the movement of the Spirit that took the gospel to 8 million people in two years (Acts 19:10).

Pray daily for these people.

Assignment 3: Next week's session will include time to celebrate 3 Circles stories. Come ready to tell about the conversations you had.

Assignment 4: Read the Introduction and Chapter 1 of *Turning Everyday Conversations into Gospel Conversations*.



THE GOSPEL

Focused Prayer

“Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear” (Isaiah 59:1). God hears our prayers and His arms are long enough to reach even those who are the farthest from Him. Pray for your four people who are far from God.

Video Session Listening Guide

We’re going to focus on training you to share the _____ gospel.

“Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.”

1 Corinthians 15:1–4

The word “gospel” literally means _____ .

TGI—because every day we have opportunities to _____ to the _____ and _____ people to repent and believe in Jesus.

We need to clearly explain:

Repent means to _____ or change direction.

Believe means to _____ or put our _____ in the person and work of _____.

Gospel is simply: Jesus _____ for our sins, He was _____ and God _____ Him from the dead.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

—
John 3:16

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.”

—
1 Corinthians 15:3-4

3 Circles cheat: draw a _____ arrow, a _____ and an _____ arrow in your gospel circle.

We will _____ telling the gospel over and over again so that we can tell it _____ and _____.

Class Training Reps

Assignment 1: Find someone you don't know and take turns presenting the 3 Circles to each other while paying special attention to their clarity on the gospel. Did you each tell the whole gospel: "Jesus died for our sins, was buried and God raised Him from the dead?"

» Switch partners and repeat the above.

Assignment 2: Write out your own succinct, complete gospel presentation.

Sample gospel presentation: "Gospel is a Bible word that simply means good news. The good news is that God loves us. He loves us so much that when He sees us in our brokenness, He doesn't just leave us there. Instead, God sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and die the death we deserve. Jesus died on a cross, was buried and God raised Him from the dead proving that Jesus is who He says He is. The Bible says that when we repent and believe in Jesus, God does a miracle. He takes all of our sin and puts it on Jesus and takes all of Jesus' righteousness

Celebrating Stories

Share stories about what happened last week as you shared the good news using the 3 Circles.

Personal Training Reps

Assignment 1: Practice the 3 Circles with someone five times this week. Again, friend or stranger, Christian or non-Christian, just practice and hone your gospel presentation. You have two opportunities: you can share the 3 Circles with someone far from God or train another Christian (friend, family member, stranger) to share the 3 Circles. Write three names of people who you could tell or train this week:

Three people to tell:

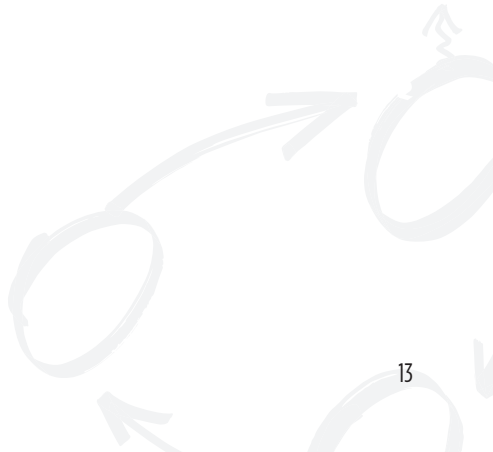
Three people to train:

Remember to text any gospel conversations you have to your leader. Take a picture and use #3Circles on social media to build momentum.

Assignment 2: Continue working on succinct explanations of: repent, believe and the gospel.

Assignment 3: Pray daily for your four people who are far from God.

Assignment 4: Read Chapter 2 of *Turning Everyday Conversations into Gospel Conversations*.



Transition to the Gospel

Focused Prayer

Pray for your four people who are far from God. Remember God is reconciling the world to Himself and making His appeal through us.

“In Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

2 Corinthians 5:19–20

Video Session Listening Guide

The 3 Circles works best when someone shares a _____, _____, or _____.

We live in a _____ world.

_____ gives us _____ to turn everyday

conversations into gospel conversations.

“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation ... Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

“Reconciliation” means to take things that have been _____ apart and put them back _____.

God has _____ us to be _____.

Identify Gospel Hurdles

How much do you desire to tell others the good news about God making a way for us to be right with Him through the work of Jesus Christ? *1 = very little desire, 10 = burning desire*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

How confident are you in your ability to communicate the gospel to others? *1 = no confidence, 10 = very confident*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

How often do you actually share the gospel?

1 = almost never, 10 = regularly

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

We need a _____ to transition the conversation.

We ask _____ to share something that has helped us.

We practice in _____ situations so we can be successful in
_____ situations.

Class Training Reps

Assignment 1: Create scenarios of problems, issues or concerns and then transition the conversation to the gospel.

- » Pair off and let one person tell his or her problem, issue or concern while the other person transitions that problem, issue or concern to the 3 Circles. Each person needs to get in one full rep.
- » Switch partners and repeat the above.
- » Switch up partners three more times, only taking it as far as

the transition statement so you can practice your transition statement five times.

Assignment 2: Write your own transition statement and memorize it.

Sample transition statement:

“I haven’t been through that exact thing, but I have had similar problems (issues or concerns). Can I share something with you that’s really helped me?”

Write your transition statement:

Celebrating Stories

Share stories about what happened last week as you shared the 3 Circles.

Personal Training Reps

Assignment 1: Practice your transition statements and 3 Circles (with a clear gospel presentation) with someone every day—Christian or non-Christian.

Three people to tell:

Three people to train:

Remember to text any gospel conversations you have to your leader. Take a picture and use #3Circles on social media to build momentum.

Assignment 2: Memorize your transition statement.

Assignment 3: Pray daily for your four people who are far from God.

Assignment 4: Read Chapters 3 and 4 of *Turning Everyday Conversations into Gospel Conversations*.



Invite a Gospel Response

Focused Prayer

The gospel spread in the New Testament through simple invitations:

- » Andrew invited Peter to meet Jesus (John 1:40–42).
- » Philip invited Nathaniel to meet Jesus (John 1:43–46).
- » The Samaritan woman invited her whole town to meet Jesus (John 4:28–30).
- » Matthew (Levi) gave a feast to introduce Jesus to all his friends (Luke 5:27–29).
- » Cornelius invited his family and friends to hear the gospel (Acts 10:24–33).

God is making His appeal through His people (2 Cor. 5:20). Prayer prepares the hearts. Pray for your four people who are far from God—and even the people those people know—asking God to give you an opportunity and the boldness to invite them to repent and believe in Jesus.

Video Session Listening Guide

We practice TGI—because every day we look for opportunities to t_____ the conversation to the g_____ and i_____ people to repent and believe in Jesus.

We are God's _____.

We don't just want to give the _____; we always want to give the _____.

Let the gospel be the _____.

Two-step Invitation

1. First, we invite the person to _____ his or her current location in the 3 Circles diagram.
2. “Is there anything that would keep you from repenting and believing the gospel right now?”

We want to _____ people invite to Jesus to _____ them from their sins.

*“For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
will be saved.”*

—
Romans 10:13

“Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”

Romans 10:9–10

Class Training Reps

Assignment 1: Pair off and begin to practice. Practice the whole pattern: TGI—transition, gospel and invitation. Ask the two invitation questions and finish with a salvation prayer. We are only practicing “yes” responses for now. We will deal with other responses next week.

- » You use the following scenario from which to practice: Your mother just found out she has cancer and she is very scared. You don’t know how to help her or what to say to her.
- » Switch partners and repeat the above as many times as time allows.

Assignment 2: Work on your own theologically accurate salvation prayer that you can use to guide others in their decision to repent and believe in Jesus.

Sample prayer: “God, I know I’m a sinner. Please forgive me and make me clean on the inside. I need You to heal the broken places in my life. I believe Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead. I’m repenting of my sins and believing in Jesus. Help me recover and pursue Your design for my life.”

Write your prayer:

Celebrating Stories

Share about the conversations you were able to transition to the 3 Circles. Who were you able to train? Where are you getting stuck?

Personal Training Reps

Assignment 1: Practice your TGI process—transition, gospel and invitation—five times this week. Whether you are telling

(non-Christian) or training (Christian), you need to practice. Pray each day that God will give you actual opportunities to transition a conversation to the gospel and invite that person to repent and believe.

Three people to tell:

Three people to train:

Remember to text any gospel conversations you have to your leader. Take a picture and use #3Circles on social media to build momentum.

Assignment 2: Continue working on your theologically accurate salvation prayer.

Assignment 3: Pray daily for your four people who are far from God and that they may know Him.

Assignment 4: Read Chapters 5 and 6 of *Turning Everyday Conversations into Gospel Conversations*.



Red, Yellow & Green Light Responses

Focused Prayer

Pray for your four people who are far from God and the people they know who are also far from God. Remember God is reconciling the world to Himself and making His appeal through us.

Video Session Listening Guide

TGI—because every day we look for opportunities to
t _____ the conversation to the g _____ and
i _____ people to repent and believe in Jesus.

_____ to the gospel are as _____ as the gospel itself.

“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.”

—
Acts 17:32–34

1. **“Some mocked.”** This is the ____ light response.

“If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you”

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John 15:18-19

The goal of our reaction to a red light response is to be _____ so _____ gospel conversations are possible.

2. **“But others said, ‘We will hear you again about this.’ ”**

This is our _____ light response.

The goal of our reaction to a yellow light is to _____ the _____.

3. **“Some men joined him and believed.”** This is our

_____ light response.

New believer: Lead the person in a theologically accurate salvation prayer.

Already a believer: _____ them, just like we have been _____ you.

The goal of our green light response is to help the people take their _____: discipleship, Bible study, baptism and connection with a church family.

The 3 Circles are easily _____.

We can be _____ for every type of gospel response.

Class Training Reps

Assignment 1: Partner off and do the following:

- » Partner 1: Present a problem, issue or concern;
- » Partner 2: Transition to the 3 Circles, share the 3 Circles with clear gospel presentation and invite a response;
- » Partner 1: Give either a red, yellow or green light response;
- » Partner 2: Address the response with their prepared red, yellow or green light response;
- » Switch partners and repeat.

Assignment 2: Work on your own red and yellow light responses.

Sample red light response: “I appreciate you taking the time to listen to me. If you ever have any questions I would love to talk to you about this again.”

Your red light response:

Sample yellow light response: “You mentioned you need to think about this some more, and I think that’s a great idea. I get together with some friends regularly to talk about life and God. We would love to have you join us.”

Your yellow light response:

Celebrating Stories

What has happened as you have been obedient in using the 3 Circles to share the gospel. Have you been telling people? Have you been training people?

Personal Training Reps

Assignment 1: Practice the TGI process—transition, gospel and invitation—five times this week. Pray daily that God will give you actual opportunities to transition the conversation to the gospel so you can practice handling all the possible responses: red, yellow and green light.

Three people to tell:

Three people to train:

Remember to text any gospel conversations you have to your leader. Take a picture and use #3Circles on social media to build momentum.

Assignment 2: Continue sharpening your red, yellow and green light responses.

Assignment 3: Pray daily for your four people who are far from God other people those people know who are also far from God.

Assignment 4: Read Chapter 7 of *Turning Everyday Conversations into Gospel Conversations*.



It Worked! Now What?

Focused Prayer

Pray for your four people who are far from God and the other people those people can reach.

Set a phone alarm or calendar reminder to 10:02 a.m. every day. This alarm will remind you of a passage from Luke 10:2 where Jesus challenged His followers to pray for more workers to keep spreading the gospel.

“And He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.’”

Luke 10:2

Video Session Listening Guide

We want to immediately _____ and _____ new believers.

We train them by:

1. Reviewing _____ with them.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”

2. Having them practice _____ with us.

3. Challenging them to _____ share the 3 Circles with at least one other person in the next _____ and report back to us via phone call or text.

We disciple new believers to obey Jesus' commands to be _____ and _____ regularly with other believers.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you . . .”

Matthew 28:19-20

Remember: We are called to participate in God's _____ for _____ the world to Himself.

Let's choose to:

Keep _____ for those we know who are far from God.

Pray at 10:02 every day because Jesus said, “Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest” (Luke 10:2).

Keep _____ our TGI—transition, gospel and invitation.

Keep getting _____.

Keep seizing opportunities to turn _____ conversations into _____ conversations.

Class Training Reps

Assignment 1: Partner off and practice every aspect of the training, taking turns to do the following:

- » Partner 1: Present a problem, issue or concern scenario;
- » Partner 2: Transition to the 3 Circles, share the 3 Circles with clear gospel presentation and invite a response;
- » Partner 1: Give either a red, yellow or green light response;
- » Partner 2: Address the response with their prepared red, yellow or green light response.

Assignment 2: Switch partners and repeat.

Celebrating Stories

Once practice is finished take some time to share stories about what has happened as you have been obedient to turn everyday conversations to the gospel using the 3 Circles. Have you been able to have any gospel conversations with those for whom you have been praying?

Personal Training Reps

Assignment 1: Daily look for opportunities to turn everyday conversations to the 3 Circles and train others to do the same.

Continue using social media #3Circles to post pictures, stories and watch the movement build.

Assignment 2: Train and disciple those who repent and believe to use the 3 Circles.

Assignment 3: Pray daily at 10:02 for those you know personally who are far from God and ask God to use you to give people repeated opportunities to hear and respond to the gospel.





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