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Lifelines Outreach shares the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and by making disciples in the greater Nashville area.

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As Paul closes his letter to the Colossians church, he shares a final plea with then to partner in the Gospel. The letter is also to the church. The letter is free to us.

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; that I may make it clear in the way I out to speak. Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person. Col 4:2-6

Paul gives us three things that we must do as we make Jesus known.

1. **Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel**—Pray for others and for yourself (vs. 2-3). Sharing the Gospel with prayer; actively praying and watching for opportunities to share.

Prayer is the beginning point to evangelism. We know from Philippians 4:6 that we are to make our requests known to God therefore we should look for opportunities to share the Gospel with people around us so that they can have an opportunity to respond.

2. **Be ready to share the Gospel**—Be ready through Paul's letters (vs. 3-5). The Apostle Peter also said that we are to always be prepared to make a defense to any one that asks you for a reason for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:15).

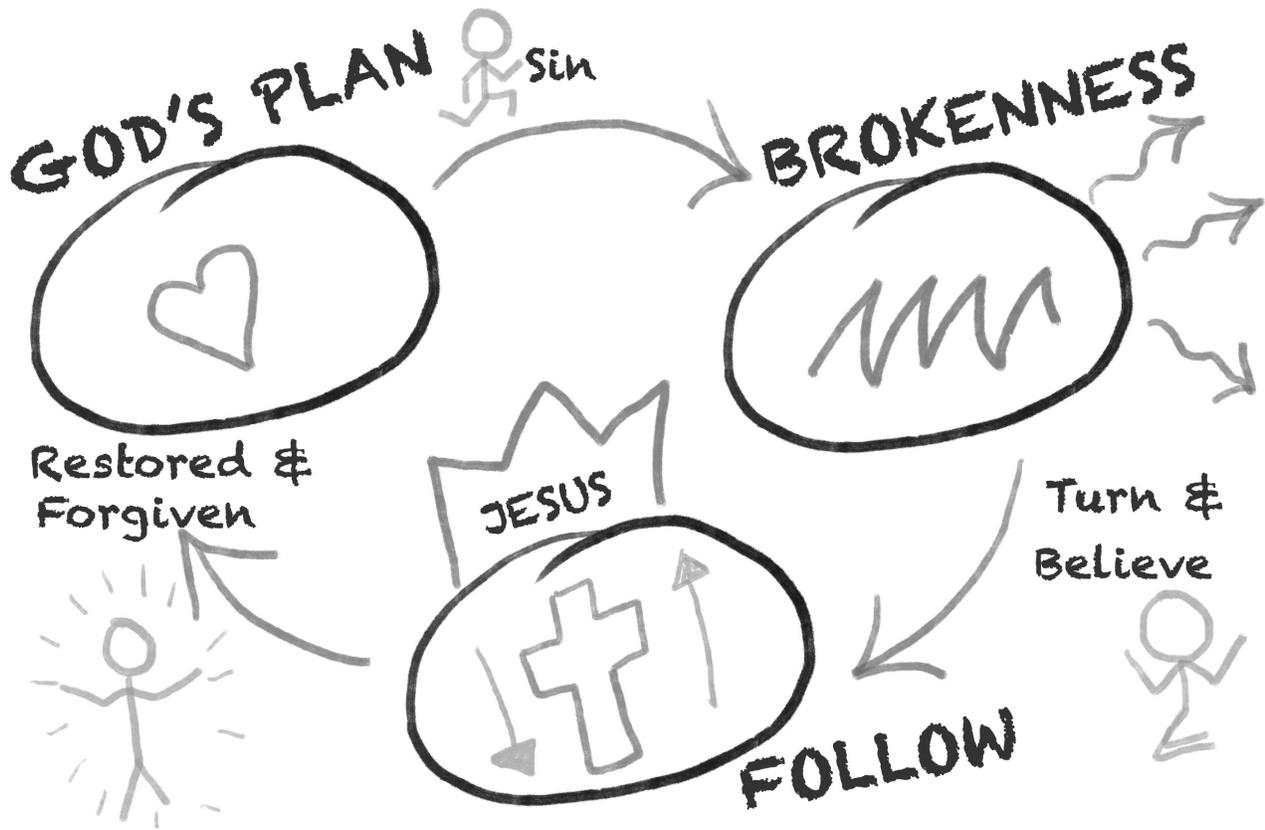
An important part of sharing the Gospel is to be ready to share it in a clear and concise way. That means learning a Gospel presentation and practicing it over and over.

3. **Share the Gospel**—Paul encourages fellow Christians (vs. 6) to live as a powerful and attractive testimony before others. This includes not only what we say, but how we say it. We are to be seasoned with salt speaking in a compelling and gracious way.

Paul's assumption is that believers are involved in sharing the Gospel. This requires us to be in our community, involved with friends and neighbors, and those we meet so that we can be sensitive to the Holy Spirits leading in sharing the Gospel with others.

Lifelines Outreach's primary missions fields are in Nashville, Tennessee. It is where God has placed us to make Jesus known. I consider one of my primary functions to be training others to share the Gospel. The back page has a very simple way to share Jesus that is very effective. It has three circles, hence the name *Three Circles*. I've even taught teenagers to share the Gospel using this method. People are lost and they need Jesus. Paul said that we are ministers of reconciliation with the word of reconciliation. Get prayed up and seek opportunities to share Jesus. Remember to pray and keep the devil away! -Richard Gay

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God's Plan—God has a wonderful plan for every person's life. His plan is that we love Him and love other people. This is how life was when He created everything.

Sin—But because the first man and woman disobeyed God, we are now born into rebellion against God and His plan. The Bible calls this sin.

Brokenness—Sin leaves our lives in a place of brokenness. We don't have to look far to see how broken our world really is. No one likes to stay in a place of brokenness. The squiggly arrows represent our attempts to "fix" brokenness. Some of these attempts are drugs and alcohol, relationships, success and money, or just being a good religious person. The problem is, none of these things fix the problem. It is like a rubber band that snaps our lives back into focus. And in the end, we will all die because of our sin.

Turn & Believe—The only way to fix our brokenness is to turn from our sin and believe in Jesus.

Jesus—Jesus is God's Son and lived a perfect and sinless life. In order to pay our sin, Jesus allowed Himself to be killed on a Roman cross. This was God's plan. He was then buried, and on the third day, He rose from the grave. He told His disciples to go into all the world and proclaim this Good News until everyone has a chance to hear. Jesus will return to judge every person.

Follow, Restore, Forgiven—Jesus promised if we will follow Him as the King of our lives, then we will be restored to God's plan, forgiven of all of our sins, and given eternal life.

Where are you today?

Will you turn, believe, and follow Jesus right now?