

EXTRAORDINARY CONVERSATIONS

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I. LEVELS OF CONVERSATION AND CONNECTION

A. General traits - occupation, home town, family status

B. Personal concerns - goals, worries, values, motivations

- What was the HIGHLIGHT of your day? What's GOOD?
- What personal PASSION project are you working on?
- Do you have anything EXCITING coming up in your life?

C. Self narrative - How we make sense of our journey and purpose through life.

- What's on your heart and mind these days?
- What motivated you to do that? Was God in the picture?

D. Conversation in our culture: The new TV ads about Jesus... www.HeGetsUs.com

II. NOTICING AND CARING

When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

– Matthew 9:36

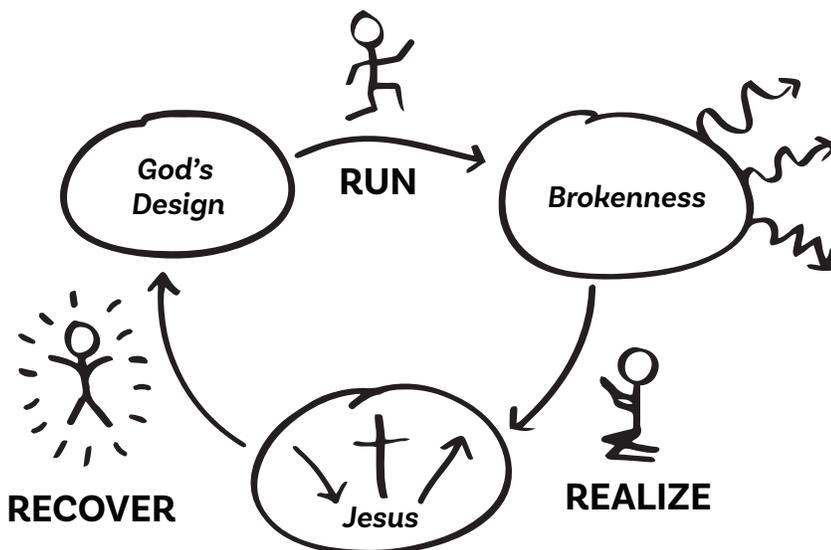
Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

– 1 Peter 3:15

God revealed his hidden design to us, which is according to his goodwill and the plan that he intended to accomplish through his Son. This is what God planned for the climax of all times.

– Ephesians 1:9-10 CEB

THE THREE CIRCLES TOOL



A. Run (Rebellion & Sin)

“So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

– Matthew 6:31-33

B. Realize (Repent & Believe)

“You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’

But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.” – Revelation 3:17

C. Recover (Restore & Reconcile)

Jesus said: “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free.”

– Luke 4:18

CONCLUSION

I pray the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for Christ’s service.

– Philemon 6 ESV