

## God's Design

Reference: **Genesis 1-2**

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If last words are important, then certainly Jesus' final instructions to His disciples must weigh heavily on our hearts and minds.

Reference: **Matthew 28:19-20**

Jesus has given us a mission. How are we doing?

All believers are called to be faithful gospel witnesses to the places we live, work and play. We can't leave it to the "professionals." The Bible says God used "uneducated, common men" (**Acts 4:13**) like the disciples to launch His mission of taking the gospel to the ends of the earth.

God placed each of us in this place for this time to be His outposts.

Reference: **Acts 1:8**

**Prayer focus:** It is God who draws people to His Son, Jesus. Write down names of people you know who are far from God and commit to praying for opportunities to turn everyday conversations into gospel conversations.

We have the news people need to hear about God making a way for them to be right with Him. We also have a conversational, relational way to tell them about it. It all starts with God's design.

### God's Design:

I. We see this from the very beginning. **Genesis 1** and **2** tell us about life as our Designer meant it to be. It's a life we long for because God has set eternity in the heart of every man (**Eccl. 3:11**).

A. God created us and He loves us.

» God designed the world and everything in it. He created everything as it was meant to be and it was good (**Genesis 1:1-25**).

» He created humans in His image—the pinnacle of His creation. He called us very good (**Genesis 1:26-2:24**)

B. God has a design for every aspect of our lives.

» Our gender identity (**Genesis 1:27** - created us male and female)

» Our families (**Genesis 1:28** - be fruitful and multiply)

» Our work life (**Genesis 1:28-30; 2:15-17** - dominion over the earth and work the garden)

» Our rest life (**Genesis 2:1-3** - He rested on the seventh day)

» Our marriages (**Genesis 2:24** - leave and cleave)

C. God designed us for relationship with Him.

» He created us to have unbroken communion with Him (**Genesis 3:8** walking in the garden looking for Adam and Eve). He "walked with us and talked with us."

» This unbroken communion can be restored through the gospel.

### 3 Circles:

- God has a design for every area of our lives.
- ~ God designed us to be in relationship with Him, but we have all departed from that design. The Bible calls this sin. We all sin and fall short of God's perfect design (**Romans 3:23**).
  
- This sin leaves us in brokenness.
  - We all want out of brokenness, so we try to fix it.
  - We look for ways to alleviate our pain. When we do that, we just get more and more broken.
- ~ When we feel broken on the inside and everything's all messed up, we know something needs to change. The Bible word for change is repent.
  
- The change we really need comes from Jesus.
  - God sent Jesus to live a perfect life, die the death we deserve, and be raised to life again, proving He is who He says He is and can do what He says He can do.
  - Jesus came to forgive our sins.
- ~ When we repent and believe in Him, He gives us His Spirit who helps us recover and pursue God's design.

Where do you see yourself in this diagram?

If you're in brokenness is there anything that would keep you from repenting and believing the gospel right now?

For those who believe, what would prevent you from being trained to share the good news with others who are still in brokenness?