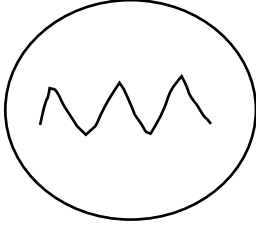
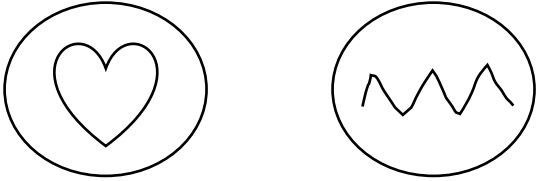
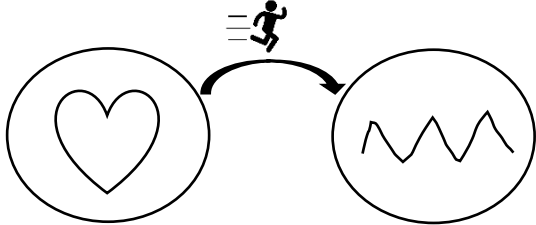
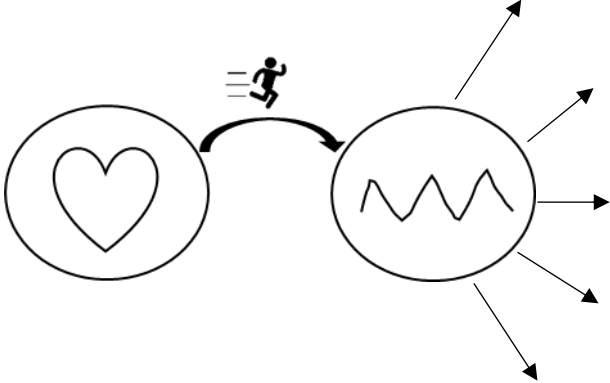


Follow Practices: Proclaim the good news

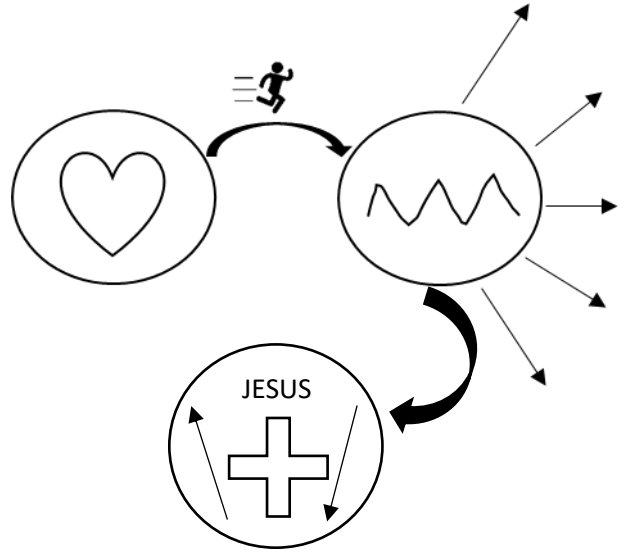
There is no one set way to tell people about the good news of Jesus. But Peter calls on the church to 'always be prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you' (1 Peter 3:14). Therefore, it's helpful to think through how we would communicate the gospel to someone, if / when God opens the door of opportunity and to practice so that we are ready and equipped to do so. Below is a simple outline of a gospel presentation called 3 Circles.

PRACTICE 1 - SHARING THE GOSPEL: 3 CIRCLES		
1	<p>BROKENESS</p> <p>If you turn on the television or look at your Facebook feed, it's very clear that we live in a broken world. There's a lot of death, a lot of disease and suffering.</p>	
2	<p>GOD'S DESIGN</p> <p>But we also see traces of beauty, like the beauty of a sunset, or the laugh of a child. And that's because God's design was perfect when he made it - there was no death, or disease or suffering.</p>	
3	<p>SIN</p> <p>But starting with the very first people, we as humans chose to go our own way, and leave God's perfect design. And that's called sin. Sin is what led to brokenness in our world and us.</p>	
4	<p>TRY TO ESCAPE</p> <p>We don't like to be in brokenness, the state that we're born in. So we try to get out. For some, they try to get out on their own by climbing the ladder of success at work or school, thinking that'll get them out. Others try to get out themselves by doing good things, or being religious and going to church and helping people. While those are great things, they don't get us out of brokenness. Some try to drown out the brokenness with drugs and alcohol, or relationships. These attempts to get out of brokenness ourselves end up snapping us back in like a bungee cord.</p>	

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GOD'S RESCUE

But God loved us so much, he didn't want us to stay in brokenness. So he did for us what we could not do for ourselves - he provided the only way out, and that is through his son, Jesus. You see, Jesus came down into our world, and allowed himself to be killed on a cross, taking on our sin. Three days later, he rose from the dead.



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OUR RESPONSE

He declared that if anyone would turn from their way, and surrender to him, and believe that Jesus came and died on the cross and rose from the dead, and would be willing to make him their King or their Lord, they would be forgiven and made new, and would then be able to experience God's perfect design for their life.

Now I want to ask you, which of these two would you say you're in? Are you still in brokenness, or have you repented and believed in Jesus and are now back in his design?

