

## BIG STORY GOSPEL OUTLINE

Do you long to understand the gospel in a fresh way while simultaneously learning a compelling way to share it with others? **The Big Story** is a gospel presentation tool for inviting others to follow Jesus Christ and get involved in his mission to heal the world.

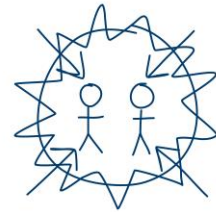
The journey starts with World 2: Damaged by Evil

### WORLD 2: DAMAGED BY EVIL

- 1) We live in a broken, messed-up world. Just look around at the hospitals we work in with sickness, abuse, poverty, hurtful words, suffering.

*Transition: But we all long for a better world, don't we? It's as if we knew that this was not the way God intended the world to be.*

DAMAGED BY EVIL



### WORLD 1: DESIGNED FOR GOOD

- 1) The Bible tells us that God created the world to be a perfect place. He created us for right relationship with him, with each other, and with creation. Things were perfect!
- 2) But we thought we could do better ourselves. Instead of placing God at the center of our lives, we put our own selfish desires at the center. And as a result, like a cancer, everything fell apart (*reference World 2*). We broke our relationship with God, with each other, and with all creation.

*Transition: That's a terrible story if it ended there, but God didn't want to leave us in this mess.*

DESIGNED FOR GOOD



### WORLD 3: RESTORED FOR BETTER

- 1) God sent his Son Jesus into our broken world. As he lived among us, he showed us the perfect way to live—what it means to make God at the center of our lives again. But people didn't like what he had to say, and they ultimately killed him on the cross.
- 2) But Jesus didn't stay dead. He rose again from the dead and conquered death and brokenness once and for all. By conquering death, he showed that he alone has the power to undo the brokenness in our hearts. He alone is the true healer who can heal our relationship with God.
- 3) When we believe Jesus and choose to follow him, he heals our hearts and we are once again restored to a right relationship with God.

*Transition: But that's not the end of the story.*

RESTORED FOR BETTER



### WORLD 4: SENT TO HEAL

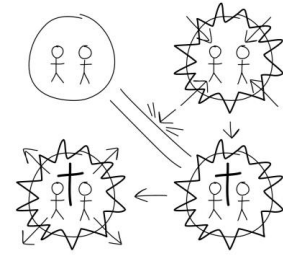
- 1) Once we choose to follow Jesus, he sends us into the world to bring his healing around us. We share the good news of Jesus wherever we go and we give our lives to healing the brokenness in our world.
- 2) This may mean sharing our faith with others, working against injustices, and being the best nurses and healers we can be.

SENT TO HEAL



## WORLD 2 to 4: JUMPING OVER WORLD 3

- 1) Now, many of us want to be healers—in fact, we are studying to be healers. We see the brokenness of the world (like World 2), and we find ourselves ready to jump to World 4 to be a healer.
- 2) But the Bible tells us that we cannot jump over World 3. While we may be able to heal the physical conditions, we cannot heal the state of our own hearts. And when our hearts are not healed and restored to God, we cannot bring God's spiritual healing to the world around us. We *need* Jesus' cross and resurrection in order to be restored to God before we can be his true healers for the world.



**IDENTIFICATION:** “Where might you place yourself in this diagram?”

- **Circle 1:** Living in denial; I think everything is perfect in the world
- **Circle 2:** I see the problems in this world and within myself, but I don't know how to heal those problems. Or, I may know and believe some things about Jesus, but I'm still living independently from Jesus. Or, I may want to be a healer in the world, but I have not considered how Jesus could enable me to be a real healer.
- **Circle 3:** I believe and have entrusted myself to Jesus, but I have not yet committed to being part of his mission to heal my campus and the world.
- **Circle 4:** I am participating in his healing mission to change my campus and the world.

*Ask: Which circle would you put yourself in?*

**INVITATION:** “Would you be willing to take the next step forward in your faith?”

- **Circle 1 to Circle 2:** The first step is to admit the brokenness in yourself and in the world around you. Are you ready to do that? *Continue with Circle 2 invitation if they are ready.*
- **Circle 2 to Circle 3:** The challenge is to entrust your whole self to Jesus today as the one who can change you and who can change the world. This means accepting that through his cross and resurrection, our hearts can be healed both now and for eternity. And that means making him the center of your life and following his good leading for you. Are you ready to do this?
- **Circle 3 to Circle 4:** Your challenge is to make that commitment and say to Jesus, “Yes, I'm going to be part of your healing mission on this campus and share your good news with my friends here.” And that might mean taking a first step towards reaching out to a friend and telling them about Jesus. Are you ready to do this?
- **Circle 4 to Apprenticeship:** Your challenge is to grow your impact by being an apprentice or a leader with NCF/InterVarsity. That means learning the ropes of how to lead and impact this campus with us. Are you ready to do this?

**If they say yes,** walk them through how to do that.

**If they say no or are unsure,** thank them for their honesty. Try to find out more by asking, *what do you think is preventing you from taking the next step forward?* Then either address the issue or plan to meet up again later.

**Either way,** prepare to follow up by arranging another time to talk.

This resource is based on material from [True Story](#) by James Choung. [The Big Story](#) is also available as [a free app for iOS and Android](#).