



MAKE *Him* KNOWN

# Welcome!

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE READING THIS!

**Welcome everyone!** We are so delighted to have you engaging with our material on Making Christ Known, which was the theme of our 2026 Women's Conference. The women's ministry at Grace Community Church exists to cultivate opportunities for women to make authentic connections with one another and grow in biblical knowledge to equip them to love others well and to live life for Christ. We are committed to fostering closer relationship with God and with one another. Our hope and prayer is that this conference material will be a blessing for you and a source of strengthening for your faith.

The purpose of this document is to serve as a basic guide to what was covered at the conference, so that you can engage with the teaching videos and additional materials to either (1) remember and rehearse what you learned, (2) work through what you missed in being unable to attend the conference. To get the most out of these materials, gather with at least 1-2 other people and go through them together.

These materials will encourage you to take time to **strengthen your confidence and skills for sharing about Jesus in a world that desperately needs Him** through meaningful discussion, personal reflection, and hands-on activities. You will reflect on who Jesus is and what you want others to know about Him. Then you will have the chance to practice what you will tell people when opportunity arises to **Make Him Known**.

We believe the Holy Spirit is ready to meet with everyone who engages with these materials. **We encourage you to be willing to stretch a bit outside your comfort zone and open your heart to His voice.**



Before you go any further in the materials, we'd like to introduce what we will be covering with a video. It has simple dance moves, so follow along!

[Click here for video](#)

WORLD  
ON *Fine*

I know this heart got power

These eyes got power

This love got power

This touch got power

Said this heart got power

These eyes got power

I feel it in my veins

I'm dancin' every day like...

*I am finally alive*

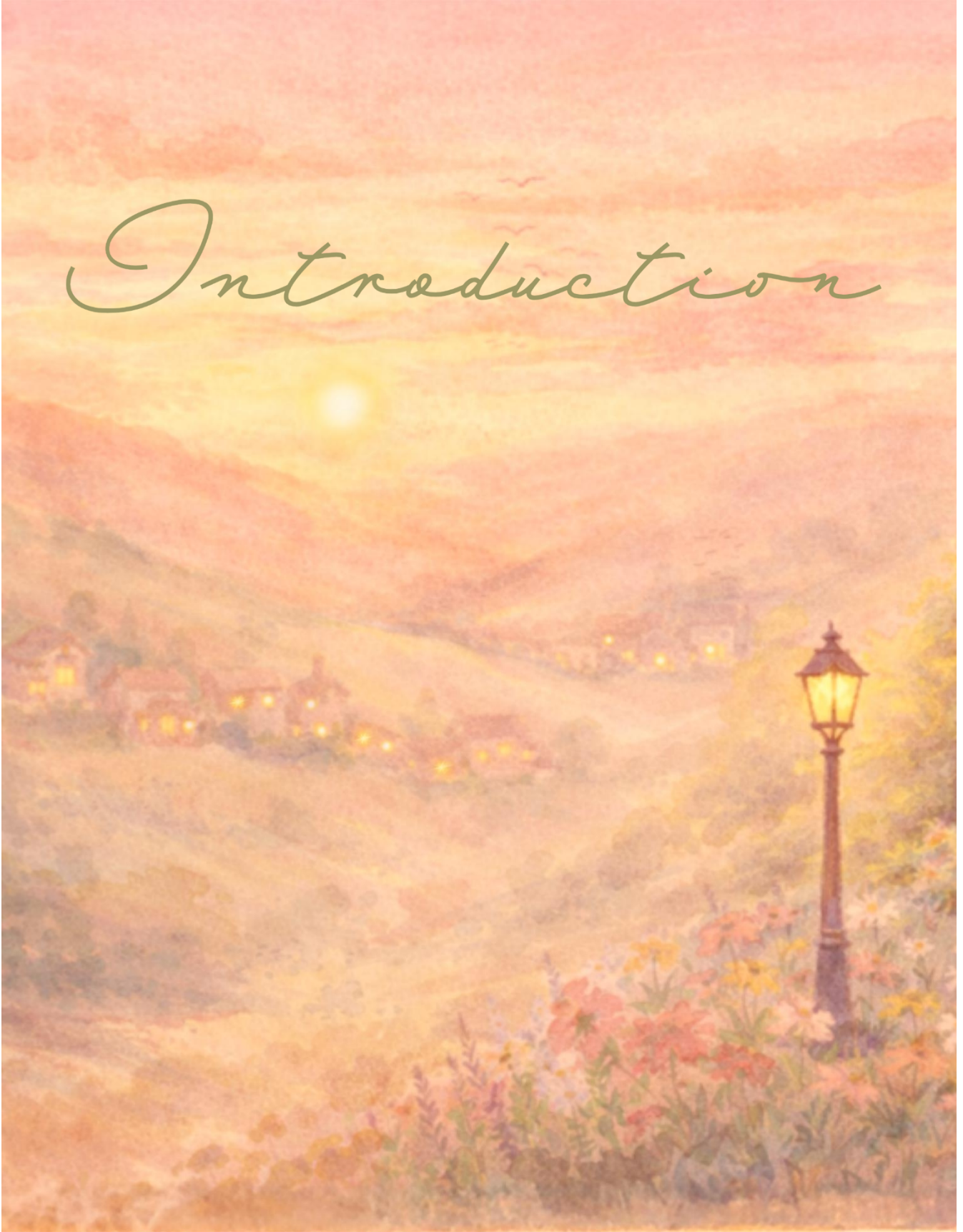
I'M GONNA SET MY WORLD ON FIRE

*I will never dim my light*

I'M GONNA SET MY WORLD ON FIRE

From "World on Fire," song by For King & Country and Taylor Hill

# *Introduction*



# Introduction

**Write down your initial thoughts/response to these three verses:**

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. 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

**You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.** Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.  
-Matthew 5:14-15

What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. **I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.**  
-1 Corinthians 3:5-6

**Read the following introductory remarks to get a feel for what to expect in the remainder of these materials.**

In the 2025-2026 ministry year we focused on evangelism, which is just a fancy word for sharing about Jesus with a world that desperately needs Him. If you are a follower of Christ, you are most likely very aware of the importance of sharing the gospel message. **In 1 Peter 3:15, believers are wisely advised, “But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. 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...”** This verse is foundational to the materials for this conference. As believers, we are to be ready at a moment’s notice to tell others about where our hope comes from. We live in a world that is hope impoverished. There are many worldly things in which we can place our hope—money, power, relationships, health, the list goes on and on. However, all of them will prove insufficient in the end. All will eventually fail or let us down, and none will have eternal significance. As Christians, we stand out in the world because we have hope that is unshakable and everlasting, and Peter points out that this will cause others to be curious and ask us questions. When they do so, the door opens for us to put God front and center. It’s kind of like when someone asks you about your family or close friends, and you can’t wait to show them pictures of your loved ones and share stories about what they have been doing. When we are asked to give the reason for the hope that we have, it’s time to gush about who God is and why He is so amazing!

The Bible also describes the hope of the gospel as being like a light in the darkness. Jesus Himself uses this analogy in **Matthew 5:14-15: “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.”** Any child who has tried to get away with reading under the covers with a flashlight after they were supposed to be asleep can tell you, it is hard to hide light! Light is meant to be seen, to penetrate the darkness and provide direction, guidance, and capacity to see. It is the same with living out our faith. The more we reflect Jesus, the more we will shine light into the world. Our hope will radiate out to be clearly seen by anyone turning in our direction. That was the inspiration behind the graphic we developed for this conference (see above). As the sun sets, a woman lingers at the door of her cozy cottage, windows aglow with cheery light from within. A lantern burns brightly beside the snug little home, lit from the candle

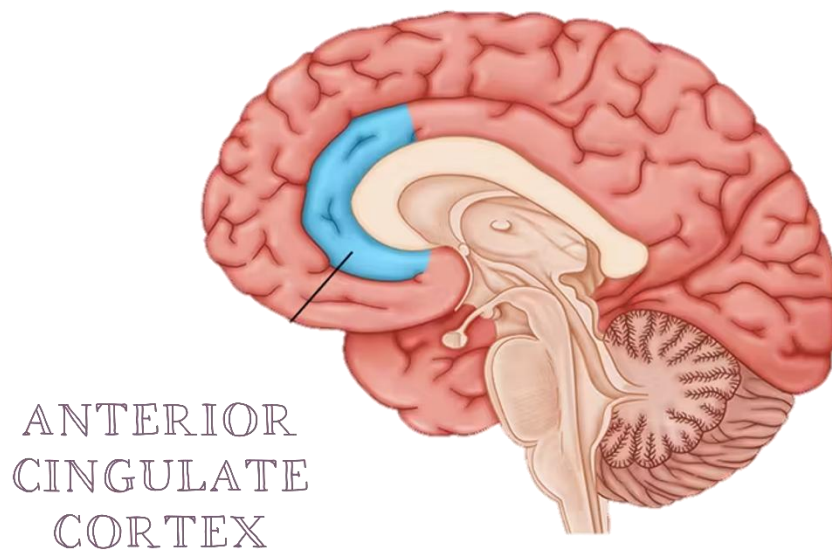
she holds in her hand. In the background, you can see a quaint village nestled into the hills, light glimmering from every house. Imagine being a weary traveler, cold and growing concerned about the rapidly dimming twilight. What jubilant hope would spring up in your heart to see the beckoning illumination that promises a safe haven! So it is with evangelism. As verse 16 continues on, **“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”**

Another common metaphor for evangelism used in the Bible is sowing seeds. **This is the imagery Paul draws upon in 1 Corinthians chapter 3: “What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.”** One important point that these verses make is that it often takes multiple people doing their part for the gospel to bear fruit in a new person’s life. We don’t necessarily know which step of the process we are contributing to when we share the gospel with someone, but each step is equally essential. An even more significant truth from these verses, however, is that ultimately the seed will only sprout and grow because of God’s own work. As humans, we can select the perfect sunny spot, put seeds in the ground, cover them over with soil, and keep them well watered, but the actual sprouting and growth of the seed are beyond our control. Sometimes we become overly burdened by the idea that we have to save other people. God doesn’t actually ask us to do that, as that part of it is His work. Evangelism is His invitation for us to participate in the process so that we might strengthen our faith and bring praise to Him as we watch all the astounding work He is doing to build His Kingdom!

As you can see, the Bible has a lot to say about evangelism. Generally speaking, believers don’t tend to be confused about whether evangelism is important. Our knowledge on the topic is sound. However, as a seminary professor of mine used to say, “If knowledge was all it took to change, everyone would be millionaires with six pack abs.” My guess is that there is a part of you that is squirming in your chair a little bit at the prospect of purposely and deliberately spending time developing our capacity and willingness to share the gospel openly. A variety of recent studies have found that more than half of Christians feel uncomfortable sharing about their faith with others, and many report actively avoiding it because of this discomfort. There is something other than knowledge that is interfering with putting our faith into practice in this area.

**We are going to be straight forward and honest in these materials—Evangelism is hard! You are surely not alone if you are feeling trepidation about tackling the topic.** But that is why focusing on evangelism during conferences like this one is so important. Hard things don't get any easier by pretending they don't exist or putting them off for another time. Instead, we will be engaging in hands on activities that will better equip us to share our faith, as well as making plenty of space to encourage each other as we seek together to follow God's will for this part of our lives more closely.

Don't you just love seeing the brilliance with which God designed us? **We all have a part in our brain called the anterior cingulate cortex.**



It has important functions for our decision making and willpower. In particular, **its job is to get us to do things that we do not really want to do.** A lot of people don't realize that even though your brain is not a muscle, it operates on a similar principle in that you can strengthen the connections within certain brain structures, which in turn strengthens the abilities that brain structure controls. So when we purposely do things that are difficult, push ourselves outside our comfort zone, and even muster up motivation to do something that we don't really want to do, we strengthen our anterior cingulate cortex, which means that in the future we will be increasingly able to do difficult things!

Let's practice right now. When you are ready, flip to page 9, where you will find a variety of words. We just want you to read them out loud as fast as you can. Ready? Go!

BLUE GREEN RED YELLOW GREEN

RED BLUE GREEN BLUE RED

YELLOW RED YELLOW GREEN RED

BLUE YELLOW GREEN BLUE YELLOW

GREEN GREEN RED YELLOW GREEN

BLUE RED YELLOW BLUE RED

Okay, great job! You are a very effective reader. But if you were thinking, “That wasn’t so hard!” you are correct! That task didn’t actually activate your anterior cingulate cortex, because reading those words was not all that hard if you have been literate for a long time. So let’s try again. When you are ready, flip to page 11. This time, we do *not* want you to read the words. Instead, we want you to say the **color** each word is printed in, again as fast as you can. Ready? Go!

RED GREEN RED YELLOW GREEN

RED BLUE GREEN BLUE RED

GREEN RED YELLOW GREEN RED

BLUE YELLOW GREEN BLUE YELLOW

GREEN GREEN RED YELLOW GREEN

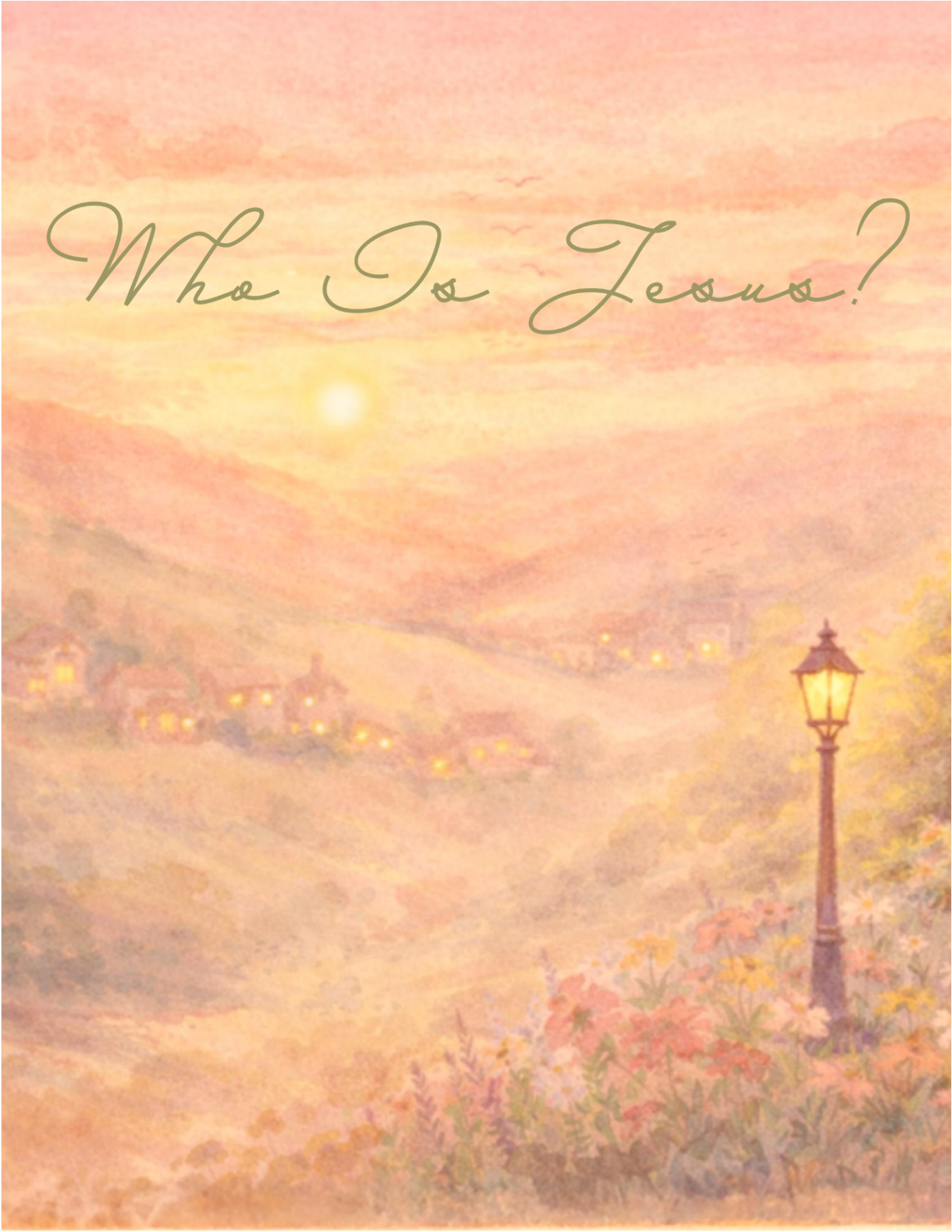
BLUE RED YELLOW BLUE RED

Was that trickier than the first task? If you have a typically functioning human brain, it should have been. **That time, you did activate your anterior cingulate cortex!** Your brain had to purposely suppress the ingrained impulse to just read the word, which it does not want to do because that impulse has become nearly automatic. By forcing yourself to engage in a task that runs counter to your brain's learned preferences, you strengthened your anterior cingulate cortex just a bit. If you want to get some more practice with it, feel free to return to this exercise anytime and build this brain structure up even stronger.

You will also get other opportunities to exercise your anterior cingulate cortex as you progress through these conference materials. There's a good chance there will be some activity here that won't be your favorite. We've already had a preview of that, with the initial ask to have you try out the [World on Fire](#) dance. Though some of you may love dancing, others of you likely just watched the video without joining in or even skipped it entirely. But good news! We are going to ask you to practice the World on Fire dance multiple times as you proceed through these materials, so you haven't missed your chance to jump in there and gain brain-building experience! There will be other activities also sprinkled throughout the materials that may elicit an immediate "I don't wanna" response. And that's okay—not everything we do is going to be your cup of tea. **What is important for our purposes here is to muster the courage and motivation to engage with each activity, regardless of whether you really want to.** Each time you do something in the next 24 hours that is challenging or stretches you out of your comfort zone, you will be actively increasing your ability to share your faith! For this reason, we strongly recommend you participate as fully as possible in every activity these materials instruct you to do. It will be exciting to watch what God does in and through us as we seek His will and allow Him to grow us.

Before continuing on, [click here to take a "World On Fire" break](#) – sing and dance along with the video!

*Who Is Jesus?*



# Who Is Jesus?

## Activity: Playful Picasso

Materials needed: paper, washable markers

You are going to complete a drawing of another person or object *from memory*. If you are in a group, assign each member to draw another member's face. If you are alone, draw an object you can see nearby with a complexity roughly equivalent to a human face. Study the person or object you will draw for 3 minutes and then give yourself 10 minutes to work on the drawing.

Once you complete the drawing, compare it to the inspiration person/object to look at how you did.

## Discuss or reflect:

- In general, is the person/object you drew recognizable?
- What contributed both positively and negatively to how recognizable the drawing is?
- How did (or would) being very familiar with the person or object you drew impact your ability to represent it well?

Being familiar with something increases our ability to accurately represent and share about it. The same is true for Jesus. The better we know Him, the better we can share accurately about Him with a world that desperately needs Him.

**Teaching** - Feel free to take notes on page 15 of this handout if you'd like.

**[Click Here to Watch the First Video Teaching](#)**

# Who Is Jesus?

PETER	MARY MAGDELIN	PAUL
<p>“I know Jesus is merciful because He brought me back from my shame.”</p>	<p>“I know Jesus is risen because I saw Him in the garden!”</p>	<p>“I know Jesus is all powerful because He changed everything about my life.”</p>
<p>See John 18:15-18, 21:15-19</p>	<p>See John 20:11-18</p>	<p>See Acts 9:1-30</p>

# Worship

The following songs are recommended for worshipful reflection at this point:

- [God So Loved](#) by We the Kingdom
- [The Solid Rock \(My Hope is Built\)](#)
- [He Is](#) by Crowder

When you have finished with all three songs, take 15-20 minutes for personal reflection and journaling (see page 17)

# Journaling & Personal Reflection

Use this space to gather your own thoughts about who Jesus has proved Himself to be in your own life.

Feel free to use the characteristics of God on page 18 as a guide if needed.

## THE BIBLE TELLS US GOD IS...

**ALL-KNOWING** (Omniscient) - God knows everything, there is nothing God doesn't know. *Psalm 139:4; 1 John 3:20*

**ALL-POWERFUL / ALMIGHTY** (Omnipotent) - God is completely and fully powerful, able to do all His will. *Job 42:1-2; Matthew 19:26*

**ATTENTIVE** - God is constantly watching and acting in the world. *Psalm 32:8; Proverbs 15:3*

**BEAUTIFUL** - God is the sum of all desirable qualities. *Psalm 27:4*

**CREATOR** - God is completely and fully powerful, able to do all His will. *Job 42:1-2; Matthew 19:26*

**ETERNAL** - God exists through all time, He has no beginning or end, He is everlasting. *Job 42:1-2; Matthew 19:26*

**EVERYWHERE** (Omnipresent) - God is always present at every point of space and time with His whole being. *Psalm 139:7-10; Jeremiah 23:23-24*

**FAITHFUL** - God always does what He says He will do. *Lamentations 3:21-24; 1 John 1:9*

**GOOD** - Everything God is and does is excellent and commendable (worthy of approval). *Psalm 34:8; James 1:17*

**HAPPY** (Blessed) - God blissfully delights fully in himself and in all that reflects His character. *Psalm 104:31*

**HOLY** - God is completely unique, set apart, and without any sin or imperfection. *1 Samuel 2:2; 1 Peter 1:15-16*

**INCOMPARABLE** - Only God is fully like God. No human, spiritual being, or thing comes close enough to compare. *Jeremiah 10:6-7*

**INFINITE** - God has no beginning or end, He has no bounds. *Exodus 15:18; Psalm 147:5*

**JUST** - God is fair in all His actions and judgments. *Isaiah 61:8; Romans 3:26*

**LOVING** - God gives of Himself to others, seeking their highest good regardless of their response. *Exodus 34:6; Matthew 22:37*

**MERCIFUL** - God does not give people the punishment they deserve. *Psalm 25:10; Ephesians 2:4-5*

**NEVER-TIRING** - God never gets tired or weary. *Isaiah 40:28*

**PATIENT / LONG-SUFFERING** - God endures prolonged offense and sin, being slow to punish those who deserve it. *Exodus 34:6; 2 Peter 3:9,15*

**RIGHTEOUS** - Everything God thinks, says, and does is right. *Psalm 11:7; 1 Peter 3:18*

**SELF-SUFFICIENT** - God needs nothing outside of Himself, yet we can glorify Him and bring Him joy. *Psalm 50:9-12; Acts 17:25*

**SOVEREIGN** - God is the supreme authority over everything, everything is under His control and He has the right and power to do all that He chooses. *Romans 9:19-21*

**TRUTHFUL** - All God's knowledge and words are true. God cannot lie. *Numbers 23:19; John 17:17*

**UNCHANGING** (Immutable) - God has never and will never change in His being, purposes, and promises. *James 1:17; Hebrews 13:8*

**WISE** - God always chooses the best goals and the best means to those goals. *Isaiah 28:29; Romans 16:27*

# Discussion/Reflection

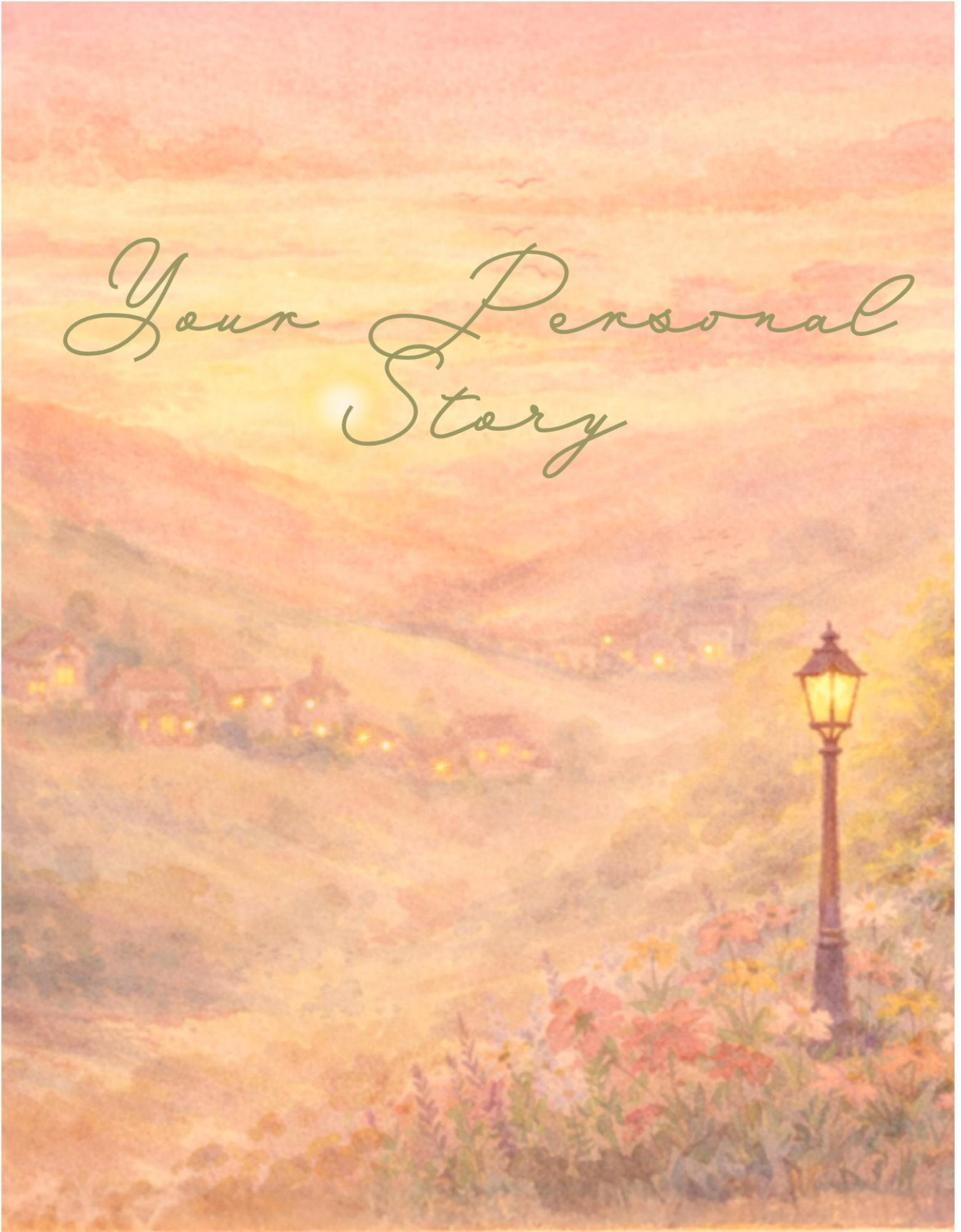
If someone asked you, **“Who is Jesus?”** what would your initial response be?

What **misunderstanding about God** do you see in the world that you wish you could correct?

What **characteristic(s) of God** have been most relevant to your own personal story or spiritual growth?

Conclude your time in this portion of the materials with another round of **World on Fire!**

*Your Personal  
Story*



# Worship

We recommend you begin this section by praising God using the following songs:

- [I Believe](#) by Phil Wickham
- [My Jesus, I Love Thee](#)
- [Great is Thy Faithfulness \(Beginning to End\)](#) by One Sonic Society

# Your Personal Story

As we've been learning throughout these materials, **each of us has a personal story that speaks about God in a specific way**. Evangelism is as simple as just telling that story!

To see what that can look like in action, watch the following video in which the Women's Leadership Team at Grace Community Church share their stories with you.

**[Click Here to Watch the Second Video Teaching](#)**

**After you finish watching the video, sit quietly for a few minutes and reflect on what your story is and what aspect of God's character it shows off.** Use the space on page 23 to organize your thoughts.

# FILL IN THE BLANKS

**I know Jesus is...**

**because:**



### Activity: 2-4-8 Sharing

Materials needed: Your personal notes from page 23, a group of (ideally) eight people

For this activity, you are going to practice sharing your story about who Jesus is with the others in your group. The more often you practice, the easier it becomes to know what you want to say and how you want to say it. **Remember, you are growing your anterior cingulate cortex!**

- To begin, break up into pairs. Take the next 20 minutes to share your personal story with your partner, switching halfway through so you each get a full 10 minutes to share.
- Next, join up with another pair so that you are in a group of four. Again, take the next 20 minutes to share your personal stories (so this time you each have only 5 minutes for your story!).
- Finally, join up with another group so that you have a total of eight people together. Again, take the next 20 minutes to share your story – Now each of you only get 2 ½ minutes to share!

This activity is meant to offer you repetition and practice telling your story so you can (1) home in on what is most important to share, and (2) gain experience in telling your story out loud.

**Note:** If you have fewer/more than eight people participating in this activity together, adjust the group size and sharing time accordingly. If you are going through these materials individually, you can complete this activity by calling a friend or meeting them for coffee and sharing with them. To get the benefit of practice that repetition brings, set up time to share with multiple friends.

Before continuing on, [click here to take a “World On Fire” break](#) – sing and dance along with the video

# City on a Hill



## Activity: Artistic Reflection

Materials: Any art materials you would like!

In our graphic, we see a woman outside her home at sunset, holding a candle. There is a lantern beside her little cottage, which has just been lit so it will shine brightly in the approaching darkness. In the background is a village nestled into the hills, lights glowing in every window. This image was inspired by Matthew 5:14-15: **You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.**

**Put on your creative thinking cap:**

**If you had a cottage in this village and you could decorate it in such a way that it would reflect the character of God and the gospel, what would it look like?**

Use any art materials you would like to visually represent what a house that Makes Him Known would look like.



*What is Stopping Us?*

# Worship

We recommend you begin this section by praising God using the following songs:

- [As For Me and My House](#) by Cochren & Co. and Keith & Kristyn Getty
- [Build Your Kingdom](#) by Rend Collective
- [This Little Light of Mine \(Beginning to End\)](#)

# What is Stopping Us?

Here are a few common difficulties that people bring up when they are asked about what stops. **Discuss/reflect on which feel most familiar to you, and how the biblical response shapes your understanding of how to address the difficulty.**

DIFFICULTY	BIBLICAL RESPONSE
<b>I'm afraid of rejection</b>	LUKE 10:16 – “Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”
<b>It's not my job</b>	MATTHEW 28:18-20 – Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
<b>It will be awkward</b>	1 PETER 5:6-7 – Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
<b>Satan is against it</b>	COLOSSIANS 2:15 – And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.
<b>They might ask me hard questions</b>	MATTHEW 19B-20 – ...do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.
<b>Other people don't like talking about it</b>	JUDE 22-23 – Be merciful to those who doubt; save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.

*Discussion/Reflection*

WHAT ELSE GETS IN OUR WAY?

HOW CAN WE ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER  
TO SHARE ABOUT JESUS EVEN WHEN IT IS  
HARD?

# Journaling & Personal Reflection

Use this space to gather your own thoughts about what you need to help you share about God with others.

### Activity: Pray to Conclude

Materials: Notes from the activities and teachings

As you close out your time engaging with these materials, take time to pray that God would have what you learned take root deep in your heart and motivate you toward increased willingness to share with others about Jesus.

Before you go, [click here to take one last chance for “World On Fire”](#) – sing and dance along with the video with all you’ve got!

THIS LITTLE

*Light*

OF MINE

I'M GONNA

LET IT

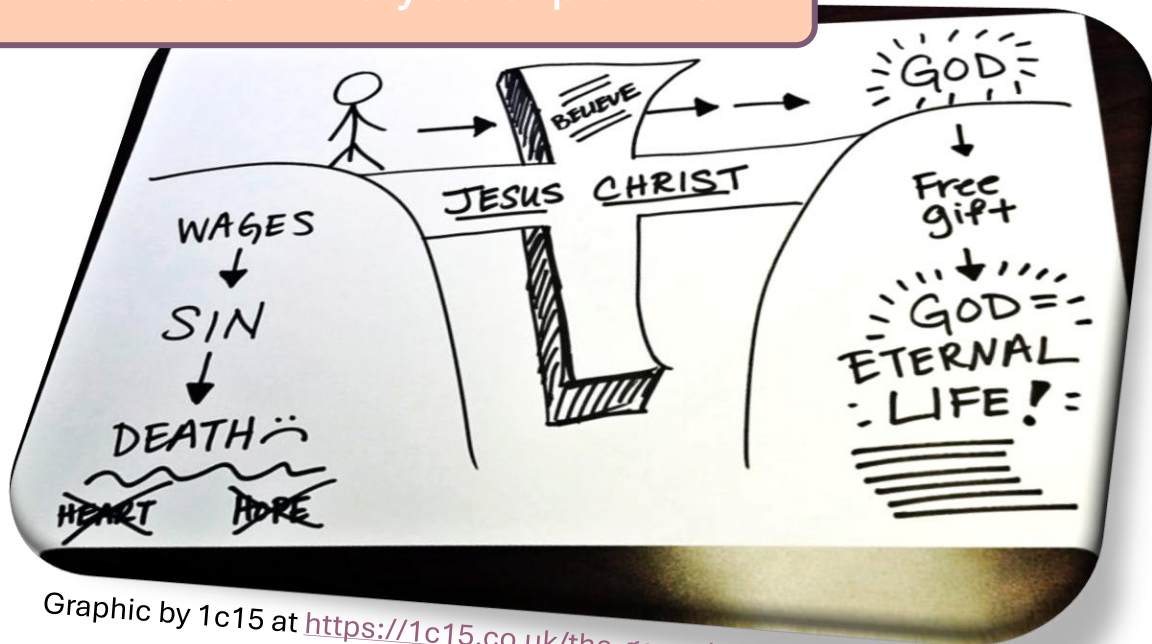
*Shine*

Included here are a list of other evangelism techniques. **Though they are not explicitly covered as part of these materials, they are included here for your reference so that you can become familiar with a variety of methods for talking about Jesus with others.** Feel free to investigate these further!

Dare 2 Share suggests using an acronym to help remember the gospel:

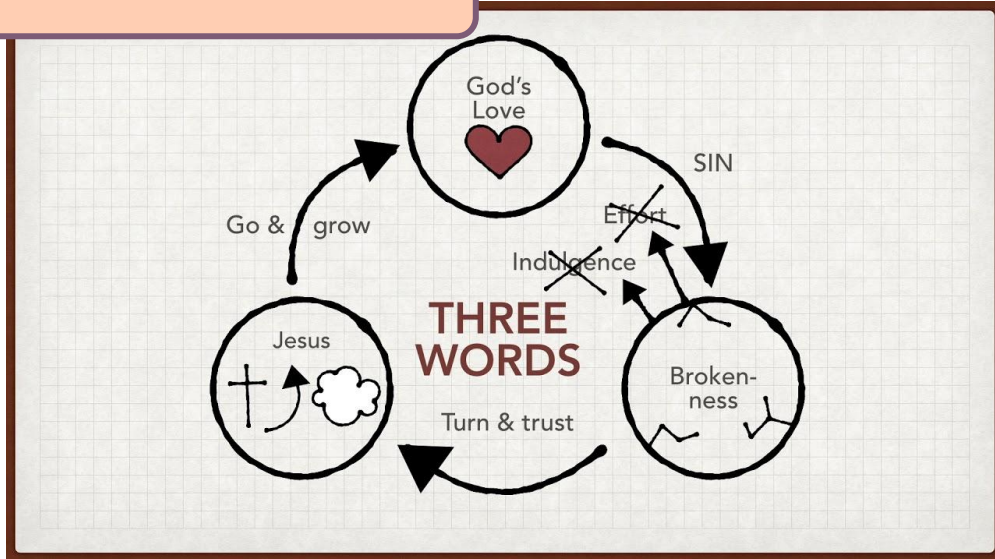
- G – God created us to be with Him (Psalm 100:3).
- O – Our sins separate us from God (Romans 3:23).
- S – Sins cannot be removed by good deeds (Romans 5:8).
- P – Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again (Romans 5:8).
- E – Everyone who trusts in Him alone has eternal life (John 3:16).
- L – Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever (John 10:28).

Illustrate while you explain it!



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## The 3 Circles Method



Graphic by The Teachers Devotional at

<https://theteachersdevotional.com/2020/10/27/the-3-circles-gospel/>

## Tell the story of the Bible!

<p><i>Creation</i></p> 	<p>God creates the cosmos and everything within it. Humans are the pinnacle of this creation, the only component which bears the image of God himself. Human beings are tasked with co-ruling over creation with God, stewarding what has been created and acting in ways that are consistent with God's expressed will. During this time, humanity experiences flourishing and intimate relationships with one another, with God, with creation, and within their own selves.</p>
<p><i>Fall</i></p> 	<p>Humans disobey God's expressed will, and as a result are no longer able to be in God's presence. There is now rupture of the relationships that experienced flourishing in creation (God with humans, humans with each other, humans with creation, and each human with him/herself). Sin enters the world, bringing with it death, decay, and brokenness.</p>
<p><i>Redemption</i></p> 	<p>Over time, God unfolds a plan for how He will bring his people back into right relationship with himself. Ultimately, this plan leads to the Incarnation of his Son, Jesus, who provides a way back into right relationship with God through his atoning death on the cross. Salvation is received by God's grace alone through faith alone.</p>
<p><i>Restoration</i></p> 	<p>God promises his people eternal life in a new heavens and new earth. There will be no more death, mourning, or tears. Creation will be restored to perfection, and there will be full healing of all the relationships ruptured by the fall. God's people will be with him forever and will co-rule over creation alongside Christ.</p>

