

Building an E-Team | Sample Gospel Outlines

1. Basic Outline

Creation | How things were supposed to be.

Fall | How it all went wrong.

Redemption | The Great Intervention.

New Creation | A New World is coming.

2. From *Based on a True Story*, James Choung

Designed for Good | God designed the world. Everything was designed for good and for a purpose.

Damaged by Evil | Humans wanted to be in charge instead of God. This damaged our relationship with God, each other and the planet. We continue to feel the effects of this every day.

Restored for Better | God could not leave the world damaged. He came to us as Jesus, taking on our disease of evil unto death. His death and resurrection makes it possible for everything to be restored for better.

Sent to Heal | When Jesus returns, justice, love and peace will reign. Until then, we are called to serve as agents of healing. Christian community and the Holy Spirit give us the resources for this.

3. From *Empowered*, Rebecca Manley Pippert

Creator (The way life was meant to be) | God created us to live in intimacy, love and harmony with him and everyone else.

Crisis (The mess we made of things) | Life on this planet is full of brokenness and suffering. The first humans rebelled and chose self-rule--and we've all done the same. God's fair but painful judgment is that we suffer the consequences of our sin--in this life and the next.

Christ (God's remedy) | On the cross, Jesus took the judgment we deserve. He was raised to life to offer us a new, dynamic relationship with God.

Commitment (God's offer and our response) | God offers to forgive all our sins and give us the Holy Spirit. We must respond to the offer.

Completion (More to come) | One day Jesus will return and make all things new. His people will enjoy God's perfect presence forever.

4. DO / DONE

DO: There is no doubt that there is something wrong with the world--just look around you. Humans are not in good relationship with each other, with the world, or most importantly of all, with God.

All world religions seek to confront that problem, and they can all be summed up in two letters--"DO." They teach what we must "DO" to be restored to relationship with God. But the problem is that we can never know if we are doing the right things, or enough of the right things--and in fact the Bible says that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). We can never DO enough.

DONE: But the message of Christianity is uniquely different. It is summed up by four letters: "DONE." Christianity teaches that what we could not do, God has done for us, by sending Jesus, his SON. Jesus lived a perfect life, and then he died to take the punishment for all our sin--our rejection of God and his rule. "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). So to be restored to eternal relationship with God, we need to stop trying to DO good things to earn it, and simply trust that Jesus has DONE all we need to enjoy it.

Other Resources | Gospel Outline Videos

[Big Story](#) 5 min

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uv15GygmW2Y>

Three Circles, 3 min

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5W8ynRMr59k>

True Story, 6 symbols from Surge, 5 min

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-4cZjhQ8FY>

Romans Road, 4 min

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9wSOwMYAhA>

Tony Evans, 6 min

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JVY8uvTySGY>

The Gospel Project, 4 min

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jTaKwbrL8Dg>

Bible Project, 5 min

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/the-story-of-the-bible/>