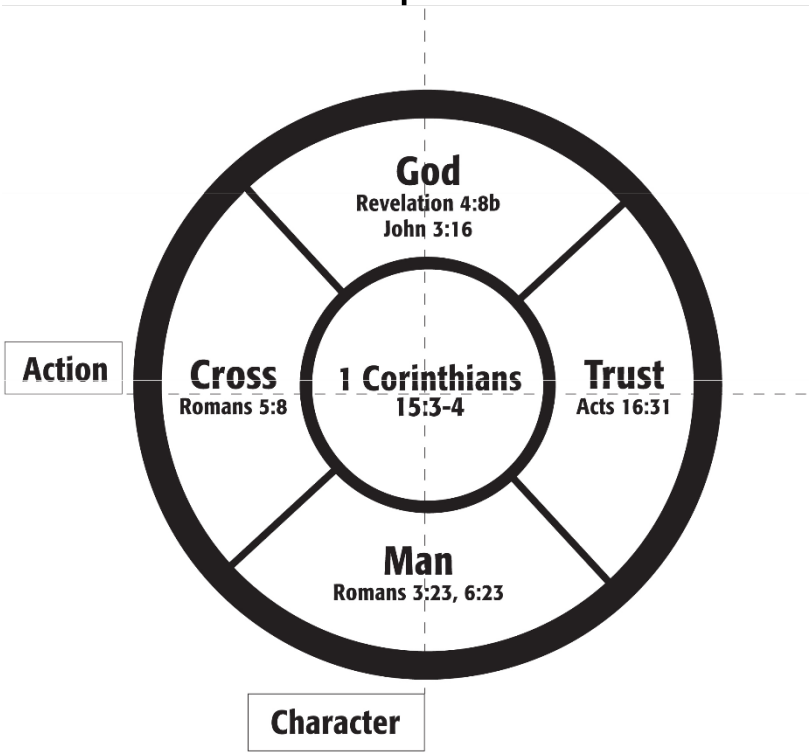
The Gospel Wheel



Be able to **quote the verses** and **explain** the Gospel Wheel using this material.

The Gospel Wheel was designed to be a usable tool for presenting the gospel to a postmodern people. You don't have to use an outline although there is one within the model. Just start sharing from the Scriptures starting at any entry point, and let the Holy Spirit use the Word to lead a person to faith in Christ.

At the center, of course, is the gospel. (Christ died for our sins, was buried and rose again).

The entry points align themselves along two dimensions. The **character** line could begin with a discussion of God's character (holiness and love), or man's character (sin). Either entry point gets you to the gospel. You could share along the **action** line, that Jesus' shed blood on the cross provided for our salvation, or the corresponding action of a person, which is to trust (have faith or believe) in Jesus Christ. Start anywhere, but get to the gospel!

Clear and Confusing Invitations

Be able to **identify** which invitations are clear and which are confusing.
Also, from this material, **explain why** each invitation is clear or confusing.

Will you invite Jesus into your heart?	Confusing – A child who hears this invitation may be confused and mistakenly think that Jesus will literally come into his heart. Salvation comes by trusting Christ as Savior.
Will you surrender your life to Christ?	Confusing – The focus is on a person's action. We are not saved by giving God anything, but by accepting His gift of salvation. Surrender implies "giving something" to the Lord, an act which applies only to Christians. Do not confuse this with the act of salvation.
Will you promise to follow Christ or commit yourself to Him?	Confusing – Again, the focus is on a person's action rather than God's grace and promise; the act of "following Christ" or "committing to Him" can be confusing to nonbelievers; it is not an act of salvation but a by-product of being saved.
Will you confess your sins and ask Jesus to forgive you?	Confusing – This is a good question but incomplete for salvation. This invitation applies only to Christians who need to renew their fellowship with the Lord and does not apply to salvation.
Will you make Christ the Lord of your life?	Confusing – This invitation is for a Christian who has not been submitting to the lordship of Christ in his or her life. Nonbelievers cannot make Christ Lord of their lives until they have first accepted Him as their personal Savior.
Are you willing to forsake all your sins to obtain salvation?	Confusing – It appears to say a person must clean up her life before becoming a Christian. This invitation wrongly exchanges the results of salvation (godly conduct) with the method of salvation (faith in Christ).
Will you give your heart to Jesus?	Confusing – This is too abstract for children. And it implies that you have to give Jesus something rather than accepting His free gift of salvation.
Will you accept the Lord Jesus Christ and trust Him as your personal Savior?	Clear – This is biblically accurate. Nonbelievers must personally trust Christ to save them from the penalty of their sin.
Will you believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose from the grave and, therefore, will you put your trust in Him?	Clear – This is biblically correct. The Bible's use of the word "believe" means to place our trust in. In this context believe means to place my trust in the work of Christ.