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DISCUSSION GUIDE – Based on the 3-minute video at OverflowToday.com titled:

Just Draw Three Circles – Gospel Illustration

Featured is Larry Moyer, author of the book 21 THINGS GOD NEVER SAID, from Kregel Publications. Larry also is Founder and President of EvanTell, Inc. <http://evantell.org/>

Section 1

Discuss what you applied in the past seven days from the last OverflowToday show.

Read Galatians 3:1-11. Discuss what mix of elements one should rely on to obtain salvation and why? (Please use the actual words of the passage to answer). For a longer discussion, also refer to Galatians 2:15-16, Romans 3:21-25, Ephesians 2:8-10.

Section 2

Watch the podcast entitled “JUST DRAW THREE CIRCLES” at <http://OverflowToday.com>

Section 3

What did you think? What stood out to you as you watched this?

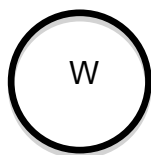
What types of physical settings could you envision using this technique in?

Salvation by faith alone can be difficult for a non-Christian to grasp. Why do you think this is true?

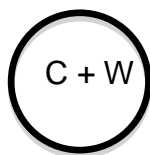
Do you feel a diagrams like this would help a non-Christian understand the faith/works issue? Why?

Larry Moyer's 3-circle diagram would have the following components:

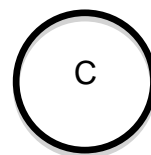
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(Christ was..)



Disappointing



Sufficient

Written below the circles: Unnecessary

The author said that most people, if asked what they are trusting in, would choose the middle circle. Why do you think this is true?

What's your opinion on the author saying that Christ's death was **unnecessary** when talking to someone who is depending on his good deeds to attain heaven?

What's your opinion on the author saying that Christ's death was **disappointing** when talking to someone who is sincerely depending on Christ's sacrifice plus their own good deeds to attain heaven?

The word "believe" is the English word which bible translators have selected to communicate what Jesus and Paul prescribed in the original languages for saving faith. What do you think of the author's explanation of what belief really **is** and what belief **is not**?

Section 4

Discuss some ways we could apply a few of these principles in the next 7 days.

One suggestion (if needed):

Go talk to a friend or neighbor who seems religious. Ask them to explain how a person gets to heaven according to their religion. Thank them for filling you in. Then ask if they've ever seen "the 3-circle drawing" of how Christianity views the afterlife, and if they'd like to see it. If they refuse, just thank them for educating you about their religion. If they say yes, draw the 3-circle diagram for them. Afterward, ask them if they'd like to place their faith in Christ alone for forgiveness and eternal life.

Meet back next week to report on what happened.