

# THE KINGDOM SPIRAL:

A New Way to See Disciple-Making

## Introduction: Rethinking the Path to Jesus

In today's world, conversations about Jesus often fail to connect—not because the message is weak, but because the method is fractured. For many well-meaning Christians, the default approach has been to share the hope of Jesus without first establishing relational trust. But here's the problem:

The world doesn't care about the *hope* we have in Jesus because the world doesn't *trust* us. And the world doesn't trust us because they don't believe we *value* them. If we want to help people discover Jesus, we need more than truth—we need trust.

And trust is not built on presentations; it's built on presence.

## It's Not a Straight Line

We know this deep down. No one's journey to Jesus is clean, logical, or linear. It's rarely a straight path. It looks more like a kindergartener's scribble—messy, erratic, beautiful in its own way.

Discipleship doesn't follow a formula. It doesn't move in stages. It moves in relationship.

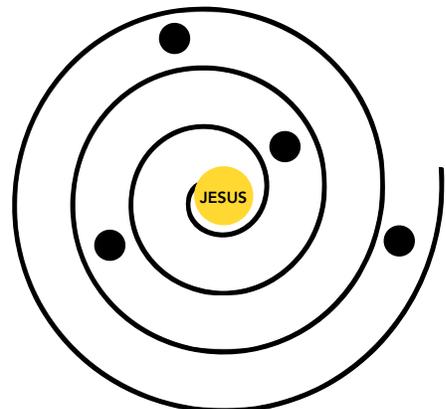
So, how do we visualize this journey in a way that honors its unpredictable, relational nature?

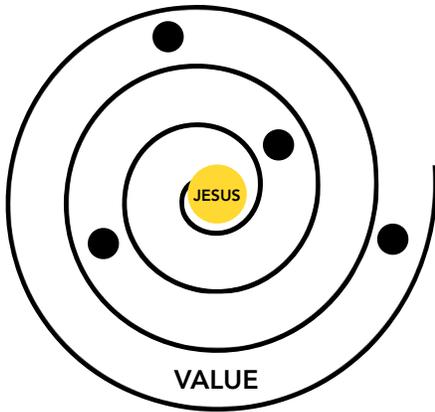
## Enter the Kingdom Spiral

Imagine a spiral.  
At the very center of that spiral is Jesus and you.

Winding around that center are the people in your life. Some are further out. Some are moving closer. All are in motion.

This is the Kingdom Spiral—a relational map that helps you see people not as "projects to be converted," but as souls to be loved and companions on a journey toward the center: Jesus Himself.





### How People Enter the Spiral

People don't step into the spiral because you have perfect theology.

They enter because they feel seen, heard, and valued.

That's the first move: **Expressing VALUE.**

When someone feels deeply valued by you, they instinctively draw near—not just to you, but to Jesus in you.

### How People Move Through the Spiral

Once inside the spiral, a person continues drawing near when they experience safety and mutual trust. This is cultivated when you courageously reveal your own vulnerability—your imperfections, doubts, fears, and hopes.

**Forming TRUST** through being sincere and open. Vulnerability opens hearts.

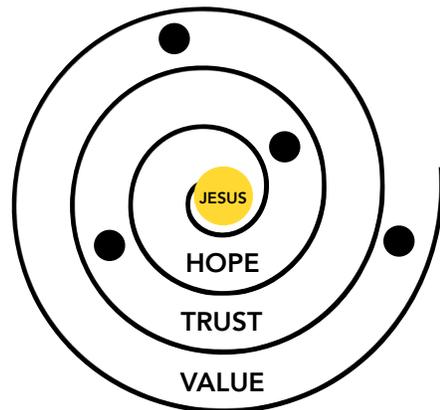
And into that space, you are **Planting HOPE**—not through scripted evangelism, but through natural, everyday conversations. You speak from your life, not at their lives. This is where Jesus shows up—not as a doctrine, but as a person. Up close. Personal. Real.

This is the spiral in motion:

**Express VALUE → Form TRUST → Plant HOPE**

### The Power of Proximity

The Kingdom Spiral invites you to consider:  
 Where are the people in my life in proximity to Jesus?  
 Where are they in their openness to Him—and to me?



This isn't about labeling or ranking people. It's about seeing them with new eyes—spiritual eyes. It's about becoming aware of the relational space you hold and steward with each person.

You're not called to pull people to Jesus.  
 You're called to walk with them, spiraling inward, step by step.

## Why This Matters

The Kingdom Spiral is more than a metaphor. It's a way of life. It reshapes how we think about evangelism and discipleship. It reminds us that:

- People are not problems to be fixed.
- Evangelism is not a performance.
- Jesus moves at the speed of trust.

And trust grows slowly, in the soil of relationship, watered by time and authenticity.

## Conclusion: Living in the Spiral

So what would change if you saw your life as a spiral?

If you saw your role not as a teacher with answers, but as a companion on the journey?

If your goal wasn't to convert, but to invite?

The Kingdom Spiral isn't a program. It's a perspective.

It's how the Kingdom moves:

One relationship. One conversation. One step closer.

And at the center, always—

Jesus.