

The Seven Stories of Hope

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A Discovery Bible Study to lead with far people who are from God | Sword Bible Study

List of stories:

- 1) Hope for the Rejected: The Sinful Woman - Luke 7:36-50
- 2) Hope for the Non-Religious: (Pharisee & Tax Collector) - Luke 18:9-17
- 3) Hope Changes things: (Zacchaeus) - Luke 19:1-10
- 4) Hope Forgives: (Unforgiving Servant) - Matthew 18:21-35
- 5) Hope Through Death: (Thieves on the Cross) – Luke 22:66 – 23:25
- 6) Hope Rose from the Dead: (Resurrection) – Luke 24:1-20
- 7) Hope is Waiting for You: (Prodigal Son) – Luke 15:11-32

Discovering the Bible Together

< Looking Back:

1. Care: Give them a chance to briefly share how they are doing & listen.
2. Accountability:
 - Grow: Ask how they *obeyed* Jesus last week
 - Go: Ask who they *shared* the story with last week
 - Lord's supper

^ Looking Up:

3. Discover the Bible Together
 - Use one of the stories listed above to...
 - Tell** the story from memory.
 - Retell** the story together.
 - Read** the story together from the Bible.-
 - Discuss** the story together using the "SWORD" Bible Study questions:
 - a. What do we learn about *God/Jesus*?
 - b. What do we learn from *the people* in this story?
 - c. Use "S.P.E.C." to discuss from the passage if there is a...
 - Sin to avoid?
 - Promise to claim?
 - Example to follow?
 - Command to obey?
 - d. *Who* do you most identify with in the story and why?
 - e. Invite: Ask, "What keeps you from following Jesus today?"
4. Practice: pair up and practice telling the story together

> Looking Ahead:

5. Set Grow & Go Goals:
 - Grow: What from the story is Jesus asking you to *obey* this week?
 - Go: *Who* is someone in your life that you think needs to hear this story?
6. Pray for each before leaving