The Seven Stories of Hope by Jeff Sundell
A Discovery Bible study to lead with far people who are from God | Sword Bible Study Method

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
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

^ 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