

# 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 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
- 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

### ^ *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