

The Seven Stories of Hope by Jeff Sundell

A Discovery Bible study | 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 23:26-43
- 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

