

The Seven Stories of Hope

- 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:

- Prayer and Praise:
 - Pray and then each of you briefly share something to praise God for.
- Review:
 - Ask if they remember what we talked about last meeting?
 - Retell the story if possible.
- Accountability:
 - High? Low?
 - Bible Reading?
 - Share with anyone?
 - Prayer Request?

^ Looking Up:

- Discover the Bible Together
 - *Use one of the stories listed above to...*
 - **Read the story** together from the Bible.-
 - **Retell the story** together.
 - **Discuss the story** together using the “SWORD” Bible Study questions:
 - What do we learn about *God/Jesus*?
 - What do we learn about *People* in this story?
 - Is there a *Command to obey*? Or an *Example to follow*?
 - Who can I *Share* this story with?
- Practice
 - Pair up and practice telling the story together

> Looking Ahead:

- Set Goals
 - What from the story are you going to apply into your life this week?
 - Who is someone in your life that you think needs to hear this story?
- Pray