

Hope in a Broken world

3/3 Bible Discovery Session

Jesus Demands a Choice (4 of 6) **“No Hope in Treasure on Earth”**

Report & Celebrate (15-20 minutes)

1. Share & Care

- *What has been the best thing and the worst thing about your week?*



Care

2. Accountability

Following

- *What do you remember from our last session?*
- *How has it impacted your life?*



Report

Fishing

- *Did you tell anyone else what you learned?*
- *How did it go? Were there challenges or questions?*



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3. Worship

Close this section with a simple prayer thanking God for what He has done this week!



Worship

Notes:

- Always read from the Bible. **Use it as your only resource!**
- Always remember that you are modelling how they will do this in the future, so don't get too creative!

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for Me wholeheartedly, you will find Me.” Jeremiah 29:11-13

Hear & Obey (15-20 minutes)

4. New Lesson - What does the story **SAY**?

Let participants read the story 2 times in two different translations.

- *Is there anything that surprises or shocks you?*
- *What do you learn about people in this story?*
- *What do you learn about Jesus (God) in this story?*
- *Does your view of Jesus (God) change? How?*
- *Where do you see yourself in this story? Why?*



Learn

5. Application - What must I **OBEY**?

- *What choices did the people in this story make?*
- *What choice will you make?*



Correct

Notes:



Guide

Do's and Do Not's

- **Do** keep it short (1 hour or less).
- **Do** let the Holy Spirit be the teacher.
- **Do** remember to study for obedience rather than for knowledge!
- **Don't** dominate the conversation; encourage everyone to participate.
Facilitator = 30%, Participants = 70%
- **Don't** demand correct answers.
- **Don't** get distracted, stay on topic.
- **Don't** be afraid to say "I don't know the answer, I'll get back to you."

Jesus Warns Against Greed

Luke 12:13-21 (NLT)

13 Then someone called from the crowd, "Teacher, please tell my brother to divide our father's estate with me."

14 Jesus replied, *"Friend, who made Me a judge over you to decide such things as that?"* 15 Then He said, *"Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own."*

16 Then He told them a story: *"A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. 17 He said to himself, 'What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.' 18 Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. 19 And I'll sit back and say to myself, 'My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!'"*

20 *"But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?"*

21 *"Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."*

No One Can Serve Two Masters

Matthew 6:19-24

Jesus said: 19 *"Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. 21 Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."*

22 *"Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light. 23 But when your eye is unhealthy, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!"*

24 *"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."*

Go & Tell (15-20 minutes)

6. Practice

Retell the story to model for them.

- *Let everyone retell or summarise the story.*
- *What is the main point of the story?*



Equip

7. Cast Vision

[Use the idea below or use your own idea: a Bible verse or a personal illustration to help participants see God's great love for them and how they can pass that love on to everyone!]



Vision

Chrysostom, a Christian leader in the fourth century, was arrested by the Roman emperor and charged with being a Christian. He was ordered to renounce Christ or be banished from the kingdom! Chrysostom responded saying that the emperor could not do so, *"because the whole world is my Father's kingdom."* *"Then,"* replied the emperor, *"I will take away your life."* To which Chrysostom answered, *"You cannot, for my life is hidden with Christ in God."* Next threatened with the loss of his treasure, this saint replied, *"You cannot, for my treasure is in heaven where my heart is."* The emperor made one last effort: *"Then I will drive you away from here and you shall have no friend left."* But again Chrysostom responded, *"You cannot, for I have one Friend from whom you can never separate me. I defy you for you can do me no harm."*

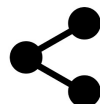
When we know and serve the living God, no one touch what we hold most dear! Go tell others about this God who is worth more than any treasure you could ever possess on earth!

8. Plan - With whom can I **SHARE**?

- *With whom can you share this story?*
- *Is there anyone you can invite to join us?*



Plan



Reproduce

9. Pray

Model a simple prayer for participants, asking God to give them understanding and a desire to share what they've heard with others.



Pray

Extra Challenge (verse to memorize or Bible passages to read)

Discover Jesus



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