

# Hope in a Broken world

3/3 Bible Discovery Session

## *Jesus Demands a Choice* (6 of 6) **“Hope Through Death”**

### Report & Celebrate (15-20 minutes)

#### 1. Share & Care

- *What is the high point of your week? The low point?*



Care

#### 2. Accountability

##### *Following*

- *What do you remember from our last session?*
- *How did you live out last week's story in your life?*



Report

##### *Fishing*

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



Sow

#### 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?*
- *To you, who is Jesus?*
- *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?*
- *Is there anything you think you should do as a result of hearing this story?*



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."

# The Thieves on the Cross

**Luke 23:26-43 (NLT)**

26 As they led Jesus away, a man named Simon, who was from Cyrene, happened to be coming in from the countryside. The soldiers seized him and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. 27 A large crowd trailed behind, including many grief-stricken women. 28 But Jesus turned and said to them, *“Daughters of Jerusalem, don’t weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 For the days are coming when they will say, ‘Fortunate indeed are the women who are childless, the wombs that have not borne a child and the breasts that have never nursed.’ 30 People will beg the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and plead with the hills, ‘Bury us.’ 31 For if these things are done when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”*

32 Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with Him. 33 When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed Him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on His right and one on His left.

34 Jesus said, *“Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.”* And the soldiers gambled for His clothes by throwing dice.

35 The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. “He saved others,” they said, “let Him save Himself if He is really God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” 36 The soldiers mocked Him, too, by offering Him a drink of sour wine. 37 They called out to Him, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!” 38 A sign was fastened above Him with these words: “This is the King of the Jews.”

39 One of the criminals hanging beside Him scoffed, “So You’re the Messiah, are You? Prove it by saving Yourself—and us, too, while You’re at it!”

40 But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? 41 We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.” 42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom.”

43 And Jesus replied, *“I assure you, today you will be with Me in paradise.”*

## 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

**Love** - William Gladstone, in announcing the death of Princess Alice to the House of Commons, told a touching story. The little daughter of the Princess was seriously ill with diphtheria. The doctors told the princess not to kiss her little daughter and endanger her life by breathing the child's breath. Once when the child was struggling to breathe, the mother, forgetting herself entirely, took the little one into her arms to keep her from choking to death. Rasping and struggling for her life, the child said, "Momma, kiss me!" Without thinking of herself the mother tenderly kissed her daughter. She got diphtheria and some days thereafter she went to be forever with the Lord. Real love forgets self. Real love knows no danger. Real love doesn't count the cost.

**Jesus' love forgot himself so that you might be made clean before God! Tell your friends and family what Jesus did for them!**

### 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)

Need for Jesus



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