

Hope in a Broken world

3/3 Bible Discovery Session

The Compassionate Jesus (1 of 6) **“Hope Does Not Judge”**

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

- *Have you ever read the Bible? If so, do you remember what you read about? OR*
- *Do you know any Bible stories?*



Report

Fishing

- *None*



Sow

3. Worship

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



Worship

Notes:

Distribute these materials to individuals **AFTER** each session, not before. You want participants to focus on the Word of God and not the next question or section! It **IS** important, however, to supply them with these materials so that they in turn can share someone else!

“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 in this story?*
- *Does your view of Jesus change? How?*
- *Where do you see yourself in this story? Why?*



Learn

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

- *What have you learned today?*
- *How will you apply it to your life?*



Correct

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!
- Before you read the story, explain that the **Pharisees** were a group of Jews who studied God's law and thought that they kept all God's rules; but they were proud and had high opinions of themselves. They were the "religious police" who thought it was their responsibility to keep everyone else in line!



Guide

Do's and Do Not's

- **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 Humiliated Woman

John 8:3-11 (NLT)

3 As He [Jesus] was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd.

4 “Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery. 5 The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?”

6 They were trying to trap Him into saying something they could use against Him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with His finger. 7 They kept demanding an answer, so He stood up again and said, *“All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!”* 8 Then He stooped down again and wrote in the dust.

9 When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. 10 Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, *“Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?”*

11 “No, Lord,” she said.

And Jesus said, *“Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”*

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

Jesus is a merciful judge! In **Matthew 7:1-5**, Jesus said, *“Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged. And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? How can you think of saying to your friend, ‘Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when you can't see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye.”*

Go and tell others the good news!

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

- *Who else needs to hear what you are learning?*
- *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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