

Hope in a Broken world

3/3 Bible Discovery Session

The Compassionate Jesus (3 of 6) **“Hope Changes Things”**

Report & Celebrate (15-20 minutes)

1. Share & Care

- *What is the high point of your week? Low point?*



Care

2. Accountability

Following

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



Report

Fishing

- *With whom did you share last week's story?
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.

- *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?*
- *How do lives change in this story?*



Learn

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

- *Is there anything you think you should do as a result of hearing this story?*



Correct

Notes:

- Before you read the story, explain that **tax collectors** were hated not only because they collected money from the Jewish people for the Roman government, but because they also stole money by collecting more than required, keeping it for themselves!



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."

Jesus and the Man Everyone Hated!

Luke 19:1-10 (NLT)

1 Jesus entered Jericho and made His way through the town. 2 There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. 3 He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.

5 When Jesus came by, He looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. *“Zacchaeus!”* He said, *“Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.”*

6 Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. 7 But the people were displeased. “He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner,” they grumbled.

8 Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, “I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!”

9 Jesus responded, *“Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”*

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

Something about Jesus completely changed Zacchaeus! He was freed from hiding sin and guilt! **Luke 8:16-17** says “No one lights a lamp and then covers it with a bowl or hides it under a bed. A lamp is placed on a stand, where its light can be seen by all who enter the house. For all that is secret will eventually be brought into the open, and everything that is concealed will be brought to light and made known to all.”

Tell others the good news! When you repent and turn to Jesus, he promises to forgive you of all you've ever done and to give you a new start!

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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