

# Hope in a Broken world

3/3 Bible Discovery Session

## *Jesus' Power to Save* (1 of 6) **"Hope Can Heal"**

### 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 have you seen God at work around you?*



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?*
- *What do you conclude about the true identity of Jesus?*
- *Where do you see yourself in this story? Why?*



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 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** 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."

# **A Crowded House and A Paralysed Man**

***Luke 5:17-26 (NLT)***

17 One day while Jesus was teaching, some Pharisees and teachers of religious law were sitting nearby. (It seemed that these men showed up from every village in all Galilee and Judea, as well as from Jerusalem.) And the Lord's healing power was strongly with Jesus.

18 Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a sleeping mat. They tried to take him inside to Jesus, 19 but they couldn't reach Him because of the crowd. So they went up to the roof and took off some tiles. Then they lowered the sick man on his mat down into the crowd, right in front of Jesus. 20 Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man, *"Young man, your sins are forgiven."*

21 But the Pharisees and teachers of religious law said to themselves, "Who does He think He is? That's blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!"

22 Jesus knew what they were thinking, so He asked them, *"Why do you question this in your hearts? 23 Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up and walk'? 24 So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins."* Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, *"Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!"*

25 And immediately, as everyone watched, the man jumped up, picked up his mat, and went home praising God. 26 Everyone was gripped with great wonder and awe, and they praised God, exclaiming, "We have seen amazing things today!"

## 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

Listen to what **Psalm 96:1-3** says!

*"Sing a new song to the Lord!*

*Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!*

*Sing to the Lord; praise his name.*

*Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.*

*Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.*

*Tell everyone about the amazing things he does."*

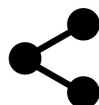
**Friends bring friends to Jesus!**

### 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)

Identity of Jesus



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