

Hope in a Broken world

3/3 Bible Discovery Session

Jesus' Power to Save (2 of 6) **"Hope In the Storms of Life"**

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

- *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 (God) in this story?*
- *What do you conclude about the true identity of Jesus?*
- *Where do you see yourself in this story? Why?*
- *How do lives change in this story?*



Learn

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

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



Correct

Notes:

- Before you read the story, explain that Jesus had 12 disciples. **Disciples** are people who spend a lot of time with a leader; being influenced by His teachings and trying to follow His example by modelling their lives after Him!
- At some point in this session, ask the participants “What are some things I have been **modelling** for you?” Help them think through each part of the “3/3rds pattern.”



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.”

Don't Be Afraid, Reach Out to Jesus

Matthew 14:22-33 (NLT)

22 Immediately after this [feeding 5,000 people], Jesus insisted that His disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while He sent the people home. 23 After sending them home, He went up into the hills by Himself to pray. Night fell while He was there alone.

24 Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. 25 About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. 26 When the disciples saw Him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!"

27 But Jesus spoke to them at once. *"Don't be afraid,"* He said. *"Take courage. I am here!"*

28 Then Peter called to Him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water."

29 *"Yes, come,"* Jesus said.

So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted.

31 Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. *"You have so little faith,"* Jesus said. *"Why did you doubt me?"*

32 When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. 33 Then the disciples worshiped Him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.

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

When people turn away from their sin and turn to God, God promises to be with them. Such promises can be found in one of the books of the Bible.

Zephaniah 3:17

"For the Lord your God is living among you.

He is a mighty savior.

He will take delight in you with gladness.

With his love, he will calm all your fears.

He will rejoice over you with joyful songs."

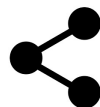
Are any of your friends and family going through hard times? Tell them that Jesus is waiting there with his hand stretched out to help them, if they will just reach out to Him!

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)

Identity of Jesus



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