

Hope in a Broken world

3/3 Bible Discovery Session

Jesus' Power to Save (4 of 6) **"Hope For a New 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?*



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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?*
- *Does your view of Jesus (God) change? How?*
- *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**?

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



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! They were proud and had high opinions of themselves.



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 Man Who Came to Jesus in the Dark

John 3:1-21 (NLT)

1 There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. 2 After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "we all know that God has sent You to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with You."

3 Jesus replied, *"I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."*

4 "What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?"

5 Jesus replied, *"I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. 6 Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. 7 So don't be surprised when I say, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit."*

9 "How are these things possible?" Nicodemus asked.

10 Jesus replied, *"You are a respected Jewish teacher, and yet you don't understand these things? 11 I assure you, We tell you what We know and have seen, and yet you won't believe Our testimony. 12 But if you don't believe Me when I tell you about earthly things, how can you possibly believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone to heaven and returned. But the Son of Man has come down from heaven. 14 And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 so that everyone who believes in Him will have eternal life."*

16 *"For God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son [Jesus], so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 God sent His Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through Him."*

18 *"There is no judgment against anyone who believes in Him. But anyone who does not believe in Him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son. 19 And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. 20 All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. 21 But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants."*

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

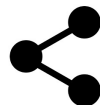
Listen to what Jesus said in **John 8:12**. He said *"I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."* **If this is true, wouldn't you want to share this with others?**

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 & Need for Jesus



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