

# Hope in a Broken world

3/3 Bible Discovery Session

## *Jesus' Power to Save* (5 of 6) **"Jesus is Our Only Hope"**

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



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?*
- *To you, who is 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 reading this story, explain that Paul is writing to the believers in Rome. Explain that the promises given in these verses only apply to people who have chosen to follow Jesus and accept His gift of sacrifice!



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."

## One Man's Sin Brought Death to Many

*Romans 5:12; 15-21; 1-2; 6-11 (NLT)*

### Adam and Christ Contrasted

12 When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned....15 But there is a great difference between Adam's sin and God's gracious gift. For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and His gift of forgiveness to

many through this other man, Jesus Christ. 16 And the result of God's gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man's sin. For Adam's sin led to condemnation, but God's free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins. 17 For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and His gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.

18 Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. 19 Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.

20 God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant. 21 So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Faith Brings Joy to Those Who Repent & Surrender to God**

1 Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. 2 Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory....

6 When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. 7 Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. 8 But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. 9 And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, He will certainly save us from God's condemnation. 10 For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of His Son while we were still His enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of His Son. 11 So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

## 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

The small boy had been consistently late for dinner. One particular day his parents had warned him to be on time, but he arrived later than ever. He found his parents already seated at the table, about to start eating. Quickly he sat at his place, then noticed what was set before him--a slice of bread and a glass of water. There was silence as he sat staring at his plate, crushed. Suddenly he saw his father's hand reach over, pick up his plate and set it before himself. Then his dad put his own full plate in front of his son, smiling warmly as he made the exchange. When the boy became a man, he said, "All my life I've known what God was like by what my father did that night."— *Homemade, May, 1989.*

**1 Corinthians 5:21** says "For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ."

**This news needs to be shared with everyone you know!**



Vision

### 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 or Need for Jesus



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