

YOUR NEW HERO

New Life in Christ

3/3 Session for New Believers

Topic: The Great Cost of Jesus' Love

Question: What did it cost Jesus to live and die for us?

Report & Celebrate (20-40 minutes)

1. Share & Care

Share life's journey by spending time together and communicating during the week. Talk about your joys and your struggles, and support one another in prayer.



Care

2. Accountability

Following Jesus

- How has your life changed based on what you learned last week?
- What have you learned as you've read your Bible?



Report

Fishing for Jesus

- Have you shared your story this week? If not, what opportunities did you miss?
- Did you share last week's lesson? How did it go?



Sow

3. Worship

Praise God for what has just been shared. Use a song, read a Psalm, or share a testimony of answered prayer!



Worship

Notes:

- Encourage your disciples to bring their journals each week. Let them to share from their journals and continue writing down how they are going to apply what they are learning, as well as their plans for sharing with others!
- Celebrate **any** steps of obedience in your accountability time!

"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

Hear & Obey (20-40 minutes)

4. New Lesson - What does the story **SAY**?

Let participants read Isaiah 53:3-7 two times in different versions.

- *Is there anything that surprises or shocks you?*
- *What do you learn about Jesus (God) in this story?*
- *What is the main point of the story?*



Learn

Help participants find Philippians 2:5-8 and John 15:12-13 and ask them to read the verses.

- *What do these verses say to you?*

Wrap this section up with a summary of these verses!

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

- *What is God leading me to do in response to this story?*
- *In this story, is there an example I will follow?*



Correct

Notes:

- During **Application** in Section 5 above, each person should examine themselves to see what the Holy Spirit is prompting them to obey. Individuals should share “What must I obey?” rather than “What should WE obey” collectively. Be sure to **model** for participants by sharing something yourself.
- For **Cast Vision** on the next page in Section 8, use the story provided, or use a Bible verse or a personal illustration to cast a compelling vision of how God wants to impact lostness in your city and beyond.



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.

Prophecy About Jesus Long Before His Birth

Isaiah 53:3-7

3 He was despised and rejected—

a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief.

We turned our backs on Him and looked the other way.

He was despised, and we did not care.

4 Yet it was our weaknesses He carried;

it was our sorrows that weighed Him down.

And we thought His troubles were a punishment from God,
a punishment for His own sins!

5 But He was pierced for our rebellion,
crushed for our sins.

He was beaten so we could be whole.

He was whipped so we could be healed.

6 All of us, like sheep, have strayed away.

We have left God's paths to follow our own.

Yet the Lord laid on Him the sins of us all.

7 He was oppressed and treated harshly,
yet He never said a word.

He was led like a lamb to the slaughter.

And as a sheep is silent before the shearers,

He did not open His mouth.

No Greater Love

Philippians 2:5-8

5 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. 6 Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. 7 Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When He appeared in human form, 8 He humbled Himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

John 15:12-13

Jesus said: 12 *"This is My commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. 13 There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends."*

Go & Tell (20-40 minutes)

6. Practice

- Practice last week's memory verse together.
- Share a simple gospel tool that you use with others.
- Pair up and practice sharing this gospel tool with each other.



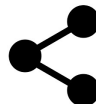
Equip

7. Plan - With whom will I **SHARE**?

- With whom will you share God's story?
- With whom will you share this new lesson?



Plan



Reproduce

8. Cast Vision

A mother living in flat went shopping for groceries, leaving her baby asleep at home. As she arrived home her building was in flames. Rushing to the chief, she cried out, "My baby is up there." He shouted back to her, "It's too dangerous!" A young fireman standing by volunteered. Racing up the stairs he reached the baby and threw her out the window, only to perish himself. Twenty years later a young woman is sobbing softly at the graveside of a fireman. A man stopping by asks, "Was that your father?" She replies, "No." "Was that your brother?" "No," she says. "That's the man who died for me."



Vision

Go and tell others what Jesus has done for them!

9. Commissioning Prayer

Pray for one another for boldness to share!



Pray

Notes:

- Come prepared to teach others one of the ways you share the gospel. It should be simple and reproducible.

Extra Challenge:

- Read Isaiah 53 and Philippians 2
- Memorize **2 Corinthians 5:17** (see bottom of first page)



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