

# **DISCOVERING JESUS**

This study is not preaching or teaching but rather an opportunity to discover what stories from the Bible tell us about God. These seven stories will help you discover who Jesus is and allow you to share what you learn with others as well.

## **Story 1**

Hope for the Rejected: The Sinful Woman | Luke 7:36-50

## **Story 2**

Hope for the Non-Religious: Pharisee & Tax Collector | Luke 18:9-17

## **Story 3**

Hope Changes things: Zacchaeus | Luke 19:1-10

## **Story 4**

Hope Forgives: Unforgiving Servant | Matthew 18:21-35

## **Story 5**

Hope Through Death: Thieves on the Cross | Luke 22:66 – 23:25

## **Story 6**

Hope Rose from the Dead: Resurrection | Luke 24:1-20

## **Story 7**

Hope is Waiting for You: Prodigal Son | Luke 15:11-32

# Looking Back

## CARE

What is one thing you are thankful for and one thing that is stressing you out?

## ACCOUNTABILITY

How did you do this week with your "I will" statement? Who did you share with? Did we meet any needs in our community?

# Looking Up

## PASSAGE

Read the first scripture passage out loud 2-3 times.

## RETELL

Retell the passage using your own words as if you were having a cup of coffee with a friend. (Not what you think it means but simply retell it.)

## QUESTIONS

- Did anything capture your attention in the passage?
- What does the passage tell us about God?
- What does the passage tell us about people/humanity?
- Is there an example to follow or avoid or a command to obey in this story?
- What are some ways that we can apply this passage to our lives?

# Looking Forward

## PERSONAL APPLICATION

Working together, come up with a "I will" statement that fits with something you discovered together in the scripture passage. (This week I will . . . .)

-- Is there someone with whom you can share something you learned from the passage?

## BLESSING THE COMMUNITY

Is there anyone we know who has a need and can we as a group do something about it? Who can we bless?