

# Stories of Hope

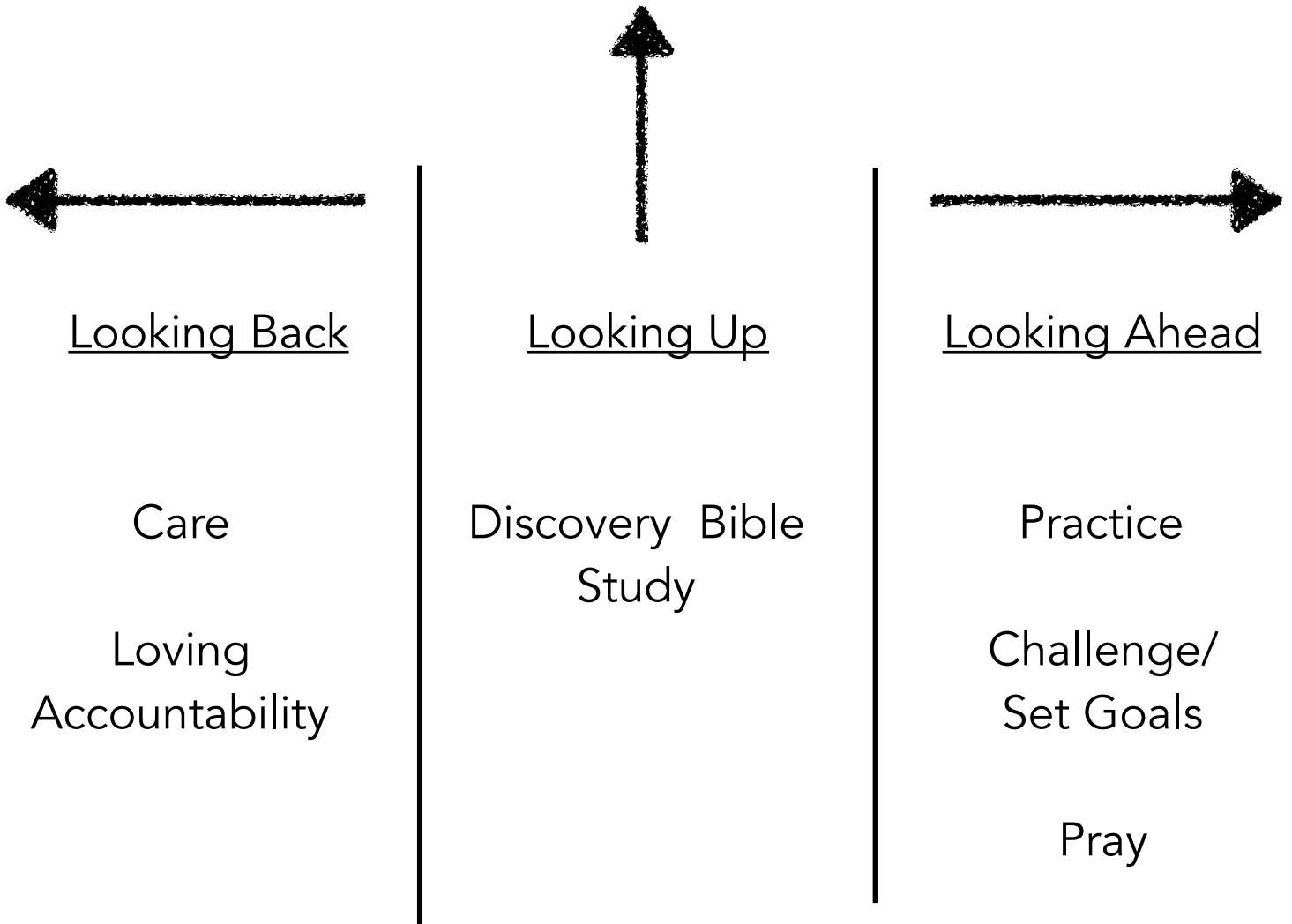




# How to lead a Discovery Bible Study with someone who is seeking God

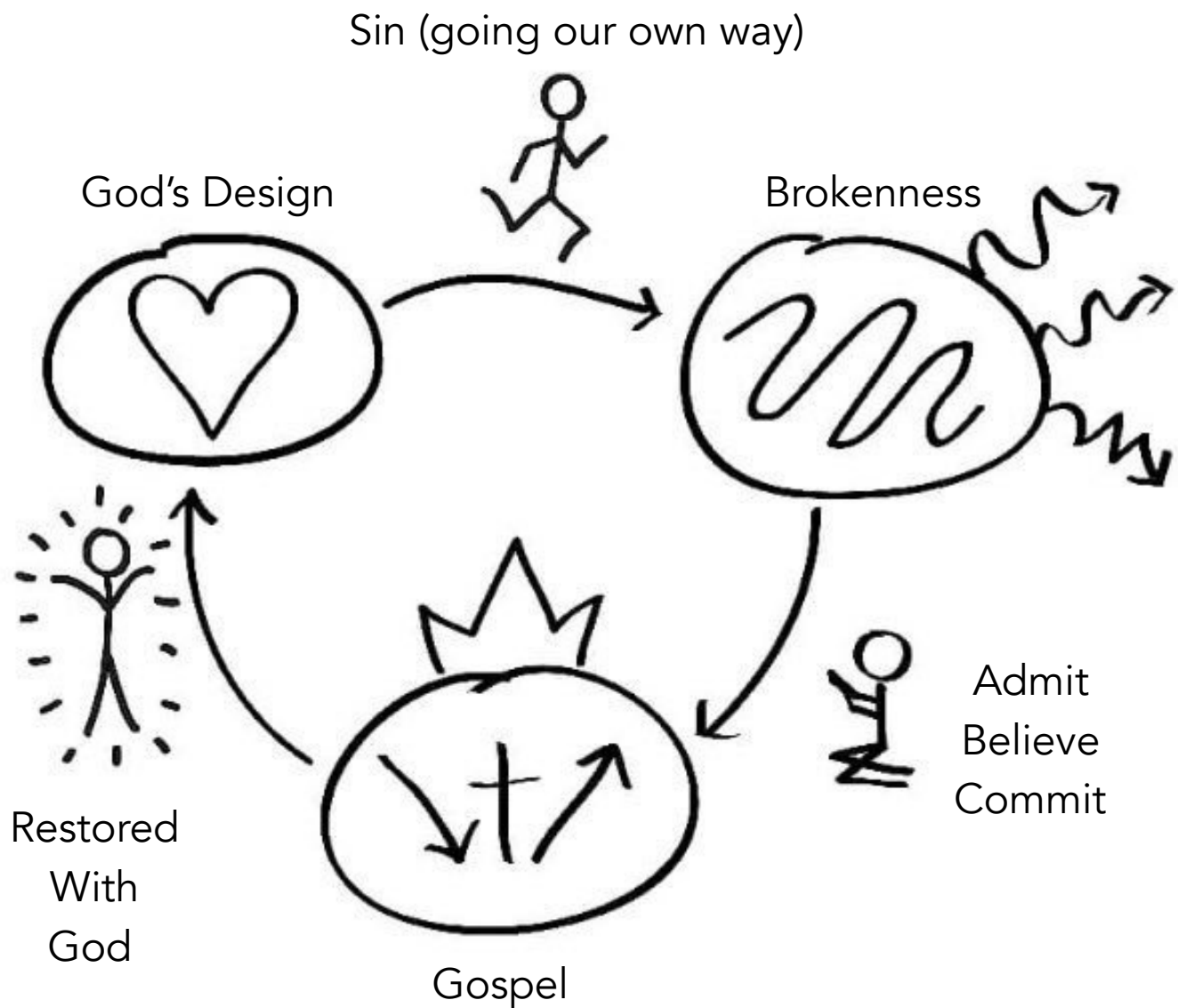
# 3/3rds Method

*a simple framework for the meeting time*



# 3 Circles Gospel Tool

The 3 Circles starts with God's Design. From there, our departure from God's design as sinful people leads us into brokenness. We try everything we can to get out of brokenness and fix our lives (illustrated by the squiggly arrows). Our relief from brokenness is found in repentance. We must **admit** we are separated from God by Sin, **believe** the Gospel, and **commit** our lives to Jesus in order to be rescued from brokenness. The Gospel is Christ dying in our place on the cross and taking the penalty that we deserve for our sins. He was resurrected, and in turn we are resurrected into a new life when we believe in the Gospel. Through God's grace we are able to recover and pursue His design for our lives – from wherever we are.



# Seven Stories.

1. Hope for the Rejected: The Sinful Woman
2. Hope for the Non-Religious: The Pharisee & Tax Collector
3. Hope Changes Things: Zacchaeus
4. Hope Forgives: Unforgiving Servant
5. Hope Through Death: Thieves on the Cross
6. Hope Rose from the Dead: Resurrection
7. Hope is Waiting for You: Prodigal Son

# Teacher Tips When Leading The Discovery Bible Study (Looking Up)

1. **Pray** that God would give everyone eyes to see and ears to hear when reading this text.
2. **Read** the command, then **Read** the story
3. What do you **SEE**?
  - This is pure observation, no commentary. One person could retell everything they remember, or it could be a group effort. Also, if the text is long you may have them stop and observe smaller portions.
4. What does it **MEAN**?
  - Good starters here are what does it say about **God**? What does it say about **people**? You may add another specific question based on a major theme/topic, or just open it up and let them go for it.
5. What will I **DO**?
  - In light of this knowledge/truth what will I do. This is really important! It's setting the DNA for a true disciple of Christ. One who learns and then obeys.
6. Who will I **TELL** this story or the 3 Circles to?
  - Have them be specific here.

Getting Started...

# Hope for the Rejected: The Sinful Woman

Luke 7: 36-50

## LOOKING BACK

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- What is **stressing** you out? Listen, love & pray

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- Read the **Story**: Luke 7: 36-50
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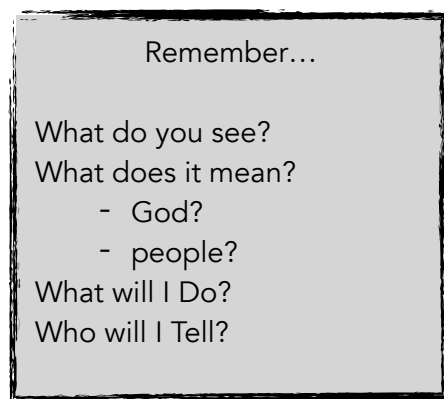
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**Practice** - share the 3 Circles Gospel Presentation.

## Challenge/ Set Goals

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# Hope for the Non-Religious: The Pharisee & Tax Collector

Luke 18: 9-17

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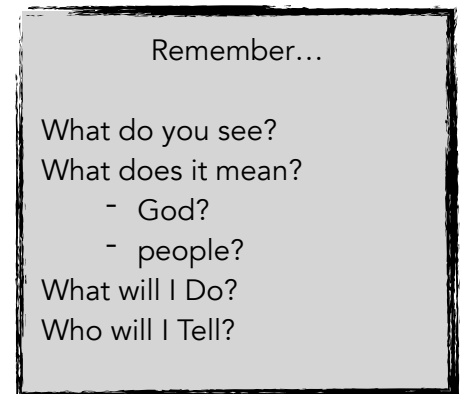
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# Hope Changes Things: Zacchaeus

Luke 19: 1-10

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# Hope Forgives: Unforgiving Servant

Matthew 18: 21-35a

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Luke 22: 66 – 23:25

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# Hope Rose from the Dead: Resurrection

Luke 24: 1-20

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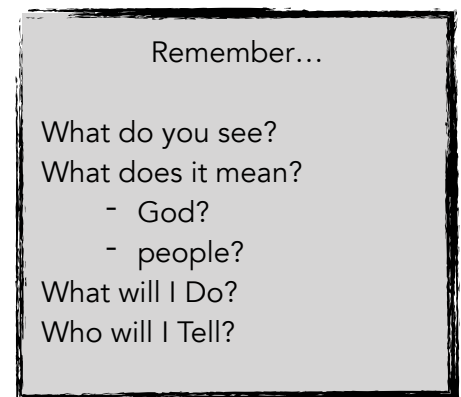
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# Hope is Waiting for You: Prodigal Son

Luke 15: 11-32

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# What's Next?

We hope by now know that your friend(s) has surrendered their life to Jesus and wish to follow Him. It is now your responsibility to teach this new believer in Jesus how to obey him (Matthew 28:18-20). We suggest you start the Commands of Christ because this will help them see exactly what Jesus commands, and it will give you a plan for long-term discipleship after the Commands study is completed.

If they have not surrendered to Jesus, we would encourage you to take them through The Story Discovery Bible Study. This study can be used for believers who need a wholistic view of scripture, or for non-believers to show them what the narrative of scripture is all about.



