

Stories of Hope

- Facilitator tells the story from memory, best they can.
- Facilitator asks those in the group to repeat the story, best they can. Some can tell part of the story then pass it on to the next person to tell a part, etc until the story is completed.
- Pray a SHORT PRAYER asking the Holy Spirit to guide and teach us the truth about the story (*with explorers this can be optional*)
- Read the story from the Bible, from one or two different translations (*with explorers this can be optional*)

Good Stories to Use with Explorers

Woman weeping at Jesus feet	Luke 7:36-50
Whom does God accept?	Luke 18:9-17
Two Lost Sons	Luke 15:11-32
Love Others	Luke 10:25-37
A hole in the roof	Luke 5:17-26
A hard road	Matthew 16:21-26
Samaritan Women	John 4:1-42
Who does Jesus call?	Luke 5:27-32
Forgiveness	Matt 18:21-35

A simple way to remember the Cross Questions:

1. The Cross points up, reminding me to ask, ***"What does this story say about Jesus or God?"***
2. The Cross points down, reminding me to ask, ***"What does this story say about people?"***
3. One thief mocked Jesus, reminding me to ask, ***"Are there any sins to avoid?"***
4. The other thief confessed his sins, reminding me to ask, ***"Are there any good examples to follow?"***
5. Jesus gave the confessing thief a promise, reminding me to ask, ***"Are there any promises in this story?"***
6. Since Jesus died a death he didn't deserve, for me, I am reminded to ask, ***"Who in this story reminds me of myself and why?"***
7. Wrap Up Question: ***"What would I need to do to obey or live out this story?"***

