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Change Their Story . . . Forever

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With Doug and Ron Hutchcraft

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Your Hope Story Study Guide

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Introduction

You have a story!

And that story can help someone you know be in heaven with you someday! It is perhaps the most powerful tool you have, to open the heart of someone in your world who doesn't know your Jesus. Knowing what your Hope Story is – and how to tell it – may be someone's best chance at Jesus!

That's why *Your Hope Story!* It's a groundbreaking video series designed to motivate and equip believers like you to rescue lost people through the power of a Hope Story. If you have a heart for someone without Jesus, this is the how!

What is a Hope Story? 1 Peter 3:15 tells us to "always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the HOPE that you have." Your Hope Story tells the difference Jesus is making – and has made in your life.

Father-son team, Ron and Doug Hutchcraft, are prepared to help you succeed in learning the power of your Hope Story, and how to share it with others.

Ron says, "Wherever you are, to your dying breath, be all about Jesus and all about others knowing Him."

Featured in this series are over 25 "hope stories" of believers of all ages and backgrounds, boldly sharing their heart and insights for sharing Jesus with others. You'll be encouraged by their stories! They show us this spiritual rescue thing is doable. By ordinary people!

Please use this STUDY GUIDE to follow along with each



Your Hope Story

session. Take notes. Fill in the blanks. Enjoy the journey.

After each session, there are **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**, designed to help further your grasp of these important concepts, and apply them in your life.

Finally, don't miss out on the **ACTION LAB** assignments. The action labs provide a doable strategy to help you become more effective as a rescuer. Learn it – then do it!

Ready?

Let's go!

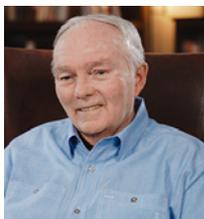
Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story.

Psalm 107:2

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony. Revelation 12:11



THE HOSTS



Ron Hutchcraft

Ron Hutchcraft is an impassioned contemporary evangelist, speaker, author and radio host. As President of Ron Hutchcraft Ministries, Ron and his team specialize in developing authentic, relevant and creative tools to, as Ron says, “Bring the lost to the Cross.”

Ron is committed to communicating the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost in their language and to motivating and equipping believers to communicate Christ to the lost in their world.

He has hosted two international youth radio broadcasts and has authored many books, including *Hope When Your Heart is Breaking: Finding God’s Presence in Your Pain* (Harvest House).

For approximately 40 years, Ron has been a part of people’s daily lives through his popular radio program. “A Word With You” is heard on over 1,300 outlets across the country and broadcast internationally in the six most-spoken languages in the world.

Ron, with his late wife Karen, is the co-founder of On Eagles’ Wings®, an outreach and leadership development program for Native American, First Nations and Alaskan Native young people.

Ron has worked alongside his late wife and life-long ministry partner, Karen. They have three children who have served with them in ministry, and nine grandchildren.



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Doug Hutchcraft

Doug is the Executive Vice President of Ron Hutchcraft Ministries. Born and bred in New Jersey, Doug spent eleven years building a youth ministry on a Native American Reservation with his wife, Anna, and helped launch On Eagles' Wings®. Doug moved to the Ozarks to serve in leadership in 2010. Since then Doug has built the Creative Department, which exists to creatively share Hope Stories and the Gospel through film and other media forms.

Doug is a speaker for the annual Warrior Leadership Summit and other events, plus records Gospel spots for online and for radio stations to present the Gospel at Christmas. He also spearheads annually creating "Warrior Worship" – worship music by and for indigenous young people on reservations and reserves, and for Warrior Leadership Summit. Doug co-hosts the podcast "Go M.A.D. With Doug and Brad", with his brother, Brad. They love encouraging others to "Go Make A Difference" for Jesus!

Doug enjoys sharing the hope of Jesus, and treasures time with his wife and three children.



Session One

“My Restless Heart”

In this key opening session, discover the great adventure of pursuing a life that counts for all eternity. Ron and Doug tap into a believer’s sense of “restless for more,” and introduce the power of influence we all have on the lost people in our world.

STUDY GUIDE NOTES

Our two powerful make-a-difference possessions:

1. Our _____

2. Our _____

Your story could change someone else’s story forever.

HOPE STORY: Johnelle

God has set eternity in the human heart.

Ecclesiastes 3:11



Your Hope Story

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us.

2 Corinthians 5:20

Our mission in one word: _____

Rescue Bridge #1 – Your _____ is

Your _____

HOPE STORY: Emma Mae

HOPE STORY: Miriam

For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?

Esther 4:14



Your Hope Story

HOPE STORY: Bob

Rescue Bridge #2 – Your _____

HOPE STORY: John

Then the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?"

Exodus 4:2

HOPE STORY: Luciano



Your Hope Story

“I wish someone had told me”

Four words: I am someone's _____



Session One

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What part of Session One stood out to you? Why?

We saw clips of these HOPE STORIES: Johnelle, Emma Mae, Miriam, Bob, John, Luciano. Which hope story connected most with you? Why?

Ron talked about God making us restless for more in our lives. Do you relate to the idea of being “spiritually restless?” Why?

What tribes are you in?



Your Hope Story

How would you describe the lost people in your tribe?

**“I’m a disciple of Jesus Christ, cleverly disguised as...”
What is your clever disguise?**

What are words to describe lost people you know?

Luciano said, “I remember what it is like to be lost.” Do you remember what it’s like to be lost? Please share.

What is one personal result you hope to receive as a result of participating in this study?

PRAY TOGETHER



Session One

ACTION LAB

1. COMPLETE “My Most Important Assignment”

We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors.

2 Corinthians 5:20

I have been appointed by the highest Authority there is to represent Him...

At the place where I work:

(write the name of where you work here)

In the place where I live:

(write your street, neighborhood or complex here)

In the activities I’m involved in:

(write your activities or organization involvement here)



Your Hope Story

In the “tribes” I’m a part of:

(write your occupational, social, sports, men’s/women’s, and/or interest groups that you are a part of here)

I am a disciple of Jesus Christ, cleverly disguised as a

2. PRAY

Pray each day, “God, break my heart for the lost people I see all the time.” Pray for one lost person God puts on your heart.

3. WRITE in your RESCUE JOURNAL

Space has been provided in the back of this booklet for your RESCUE JOURNAL – a place for you to record what God has been teaching you through this series.

For this week, record who and what you pray for – and what God says to you as you pray.



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Session One

GOING DEEPER

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Johnelle

Johnelle shares her powerful journey from nominal believer, to passionate rescuer.

Emma Mae

Emma Mae boldly shares her passion for investing in the lives of others for Jesus.



Miriam

Miriam shares her story from wife, to mother, to widow, and her passion for sharing Jesus now with other widows.



Bob

Bob shares about finding Christ, and how he now represents Jesus daily in his role in estate planning.



Your Hope Story



John

John shares his heart for the lost, his deep understanding of his many “tribes,” and his passion for sharing the Gospel with people everywhere.

Luciano

Luciano shares how God powerfully transformed his heart and mind, remembering what it is like to be lost.



WATCH: Bonus Content

**“That Day – My Situation
was My Assignment”
Doug Shares
a Personal Story
from the Hospital**



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Session Two

“How To Get Started”

In this session, Ron and Doug introduce you to the power of prayer when it comes to spiritual rescue. Learn how to “pray WITH lost people,” and how to “pray FOR lost people.” Ron introduces the powerful “**3-Open Prayer**,” along with many more practical ideas for leading with prayer.

STUDY GUIDE NOTES

HOPE STORY: Kirby

When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Matthew 9:36 NIV

Titanic’s TWO LISTS:

Those known to be _____

Those known to be _____



Your Hope Story

God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 1 John 5:11-12

WORDS TO DESCRIBE

people you know who don't know your Jesus:

*Rescue those **being led away to death.***

Proverbs 24:11

*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the **lost.***

Luke 19:10

*... **without hope and without God in the world.***

Ephesians 2:12

*They will be punished with everlasting **destruction...***

2 Thessalonians 1:9

*Save others by **snatching them from the fire.***

Jude 23

HOPE STORY: John



Your Hope Story

Review from Session One:

Rescue Bridge #1 –

YOUR SITUATION IS YOUR ASSIGNMENT

Rescue Bridge #2 –

YOUR TRIBE

Rescue Bridge #3 –

YOUR _____

HOPE STORY: Bill

HOPE STORY: Dave and Karen



Your Hope Story

Pray WITH a lost person

Pray FOR a lost person

Pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

Colossians 4:3-4

3-OPEN PRAYER

Lord, OPEN a _____

Lord, OPEN their _____

Lord, OPEN my _____

HOPE STORY: Bob

The reason we don't tell them about Jesus _____



Your Hope Story

There's a greater fear than what will happen to me if I try to tell them about Jesus - what will happen to them if I don't.

HOPE STORY: Emma Mae

I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power. 1 Corinthians 2:3-5

God's hand. I'm the _____.

HOPE STORY: Luciano

TITANIC LIFEBOATS



Session Two

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What part of Session Two stood out to you? Why?

We saw clips of these HOPE STORIES: Kirby, John, Bill, Dave and Karen, Bob, Emma Mae, and Luciano. Which hope story connected most with you? Why?

Look at the verses under “WORDS TO DESCRIBE people you know who don’t know your Jesus on page 16.” How does that make you feel? Explain.

This session talked about praying WITH someone. Share any experience you may have had to actually pray with a lost person about something going on in their life. How did that go?

Without looking at your notes, who recalls the “Three Open Prayer?”



Your Hope Story

What might be some “natural opportunities” to bring up Jesus in your life?

What is one fear that keeps you from telling people about Jesus?

Were you able to relate to Ron’s “glove illustration?” Why?

Think of one specific lost person who’s really on your heart.

Write their name here: _____.

ACTION LAB REVIEW:

Who was able to complete “My Most Important Assignment” from the last session? Who can share what they wrote?

PRAY TOGETHER

Pray for each other’s “on my heart” person.



Session Two

ACTION LAB

1. COMPLETE – “3-OPEN PRAYER” worksheet

Think through what natural opportunities might look like to bring up Jesus.

Who (describe a type of person, OR actual names)

What are examples of some “felt-needs” that might naturally come up in conversation?

What would a “ready heart” look like on their end?

What question could I ask to pray WITH them?



Your Hope Story

2. PRAY

Pray the 3-open prayer every day this week.

***Lord, Open a Door . . . Lord, Open their Heart . . .
Lord, Open my Mouth***

Walk through any door (natural opportunity) God seems to be opening.

3. WRITE in your RESCUE JOURNAL

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Answer these questions:

What is God showing you about spiritual rescue?

What “open doors” have you experienced this week?

How did you respond?



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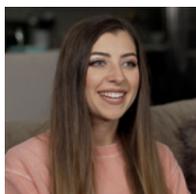
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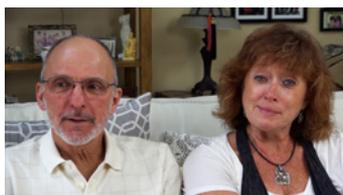


Kirby

Kirby shares her dramatic story of finding Christ, and her passion to be a bold rescuer and passionate leader for her generation.

Bill

Bill wishes someone had told him about Jesus when he was younger, and has a passion for sharing Jesus with people in his community each and every day.



Dave and Karen

Dave and Karen share honestly about their life before Christ, along with their creative outreach to lost people in their world.



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Den

Den shares his long journey to faith in Christ, and spent many years representing Jesus in his insurance office. Den made his own “hope story” video, and encourages others to do the same!

John (previously featured in Session One)

John shares his heart for the lost, his deep understanding of his many “tribes,” and his passion for sharing the Gospel with people everywhere.

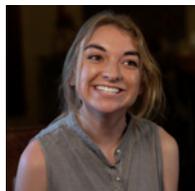


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Session Three

“The Story Only You Can Tell”

In this session, Ron and Doug do a deep dive into the power of “your hope story.” Discover how powerful and effective your story is to open doors to lost people around you.

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Review from Session One:

Rescue Bridge #1 –

YOUR SITUATION IS YOUR ASSIGNMENT

Rescue Bridge #2 –

YOUR TRIBE

Rescue Bridge #3 –

YOUR PRAYING

HOPE STORY: Natalie



Your Hope Story

Rescue Bridge #4 –

YOUR _____

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15

HOPE STORY: Elizabeth

Nobody can _____ with your story!

It's non-threatening!

HOPE STORY: Cindy



Your Hope Story

One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!

John 9:25

HOPE STORY: Kirby

You are living proof of a living Savior!

“If it weren’t for Jesus...”

HOPE STORY: “If it weren’t for Jesus”

“I am someone’s chance!”



Session Three

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What part of Session Three stood out to you? Why?

We saw clips of these HOPE STORIES: Natalie, Elizabeth, Cindy, “If it weren’t for Jesus – Montage”, and Kirby. Which hope story connected most with you? Why?

Ron said, “Nobody can argue with your story. They can argue with your beliefs, but not your story.” Why is starting with your Hope Story different from some of the less effective ways people have tried to tell about Jesus?



Your Hope Story

Fill in the blank: “I am living proof that a _____ can change because of Jesus.”
How has Jesus changed you?

“If it weren’t for Jesus” in your life, how would you be a different person?

ACTION LAB REVIEW:

Who can share what they wrote for the “3-Open Prayer” worksheet on page 22?

New for this week: Begin to write your Hope Story

Go to page 32, for this week’s ACTION LAB, and start now to write your personal hope story.

How did it feel to actually begin writing out your story on paper?

PRAY TOGETHER



Session Three

ACTION LAB

1. Write your personal Hope Story in three parts

“The Story Only I Can Tell”

BEFORE CHRIST: Please write about your life before you began your relationship with Jesus Christ.

THE TURNING POINT: How and why did you begin your relationship with Jesus Christ?



Your Hope Story

AFTER CHRIST ENTERED YOUR LIFE: Please describe the difference that Jesus has made and is making in your life. Include, “If it weren’t for Jesus...”

2. PRAY

Continue to pray the three open prayer:

***Lord, Open a Door . . . Lord, Open their Heart . . .
Lord, Open my Mouth.***

3. WRITE in your RESCUE JOURNAL

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Natalie

Natalie shares her love of stories, and how God can use our stories to reach others for Christ.

Elizabeth

Elizabeth shares how her late-mentor showed her an authentic faith in Christ, and how God is using her to carry on His legacy.

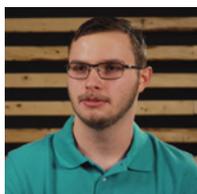


Cindy

Cindy is passionate about sharing Jesus with others and investing into the lives of lost people.



Your Hope Story



Blake

Blake shares his story as an intellectual, and how Jesus is for academia. He tells his journey about representing Jesus at his Ivy League school.

If It Weren't For Jesus

What would your life be like, if it weren't for Jesus? Several friends shared their answer to this question.



Kirby (previously featured in Session Two)

Kirby shares her dramatic story of finding Christ, and her passion to be a bold rescuer and passionate leader for her generation.

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Session Four

“Three Stories - A Bridge to Heaven”

There are five characteristics to an effective hope story. Doug and Ron tackle how to share your hope story to help soften hearts to the Gospel.

STUDY GUIDE NOTES

An open heart, opens _____.

HOPE STORY: Carole Jean

Five Characteristics of an Effective Hope Story

1. _____

“Crud-entials”

HOPE STORY: Manny



Your Hope Story

2. _____

HOPE STORY: Mary Lola

3. _____

4. _____

HOPE STORY: Grant

5. _____ - _____



Your Hope Story

HOPE STORY: Erwin

They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony. Revelation 12:11



Session Four

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What part of Session Four stood out to you? Why?

We saw clips of these HOPE STORIES: Carole Jean, Manny, Mary Lola, Grant, and Erwin. Which hope story connected most with you? Why?

Ron said, “An Open Heart, Opens Hearts.” Why do you think that is true?

Look over the five characteristics to an effective hope story. Which characteristic stood out to you as important. Why?



Your Hope Story

Ron gave an example of a “crud-ential” in his own life, with the loss of his wife. What would be an example of a “crud-ential,” a hard or painful experience in your life, that might lead to an open heart to the Gospel?

ACTION LAB REVIEW

Last time, you were challenged to begin writing out your hope story, and to finish writing “The Story Only I Can Tell” on page 27.

What was the experience like to write out your story?

**** Share your Hope Story with the group. ****

PRAY TOGETHER

This is a “commissioning prayer time” over our Hope Stories.

Each person should hold up their “Story Only I Can Tell,” as an offering to God. Everyone prays outloud, individually and simultaneously, committing their story to God for Him to use to reach many lost hearts.



Session Four

ACTION LAB

1. SHARE YOUR HOPE STORY

Prayerfully decide on a person you could ask to let you “practice what I’m learning in this class.” And do it!

2. PRAY

Pray for boldness as you begin to share your story with others.

3. WRITE in your RESCUE JOURNAL

Write about your sharing experience(s).

Check out “GOING DEEPER” for more...



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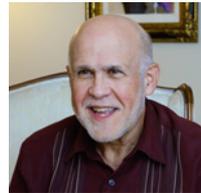


Carole Jean

Carole Jean shares her dramatic story of a cancer diagnosis, and how God positioned her to reach other cancer patients through her story.

Manny

Manny shares his dramatic journey to Christ, his time in prison, and how he shares Jesus in prisons today.



Mary Lola

Mary Lola, Yup'ik, shares her raw and honest hope story.



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Grant

Grant communicates an authentic journey to Christ, and his passion for impacting his generation with the Gospel.



Erwin

Erwin shares his humble beginnings with Jesus, and shares insights into how he prays and shares Jesus with lost people.

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Session Five

“His Story - That Changes Eternities”

This session is critical for understanding how to share the gospel. Ultimately, it is HIS story, that changed our story, which can change their story.

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Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story.

Psalm 107:2

HOPE STORY: Huntley

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes. Romans 1:16

HOPE STORY: Emma Mae



Your Hope Story

How to have Life's Most Important _____.

HIS STORY (THE GOSPEL)

There's a Relationship...

1. You're _____ to have.

All things have been created by Him and for Him.

Colossians 1:16 NIRV

There's a Relationship...

2. You _____ have – because you've run your own life.

Your sins have separated you from your God.

Isaiah 59:2 NIRV

HOPE STORY: John



Your Hope Story

There's a Relationship...

3. You _____ have – because of Jesus.

Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but He died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. 1 Peter 3:18 NLT

“I did the sinning. Jesus did the dying.”

There's a Relationship...

4. You must _____ .

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but will have eternal life. John 3:16

God so loved _____ that He gave His one and only Son, so if _____ believes in Him then _____ will never perish but will have eternal life.

John 3:16

Jesus didn't stay dead. He walked out of His own grave!

He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3



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“Lord, I’m sorry for running my own life. I’ve been living for me and I resign as of today.

I believe Your son, Jesus Christ, paid my death penalty when He died on the cross, and then He rose from the dead.

I’m turning from a life of my way, and I’m putting all my trust in Jesus Christ to give me a relationship with You and to get me to heaven. Lord, from today on, I’m Yours.”

HOPE STORY: Weston

“There is no greater honor than to be the instrument in God’s hands of leading one person out of the kingdom of Satan and into the glorious light of heaven.” D.L. Moody



Session Five

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What part of Session Five stood out to you? Why?

We saw clips of these HOPE STORIES: Huntley, Emma Mae, John, Weston. Which hope story connected most with you? Why?

As you heard the Gospel explained in this session, what were your impressions? Was this helpful? How does this compare to other ways you've understood the Gospel?

Do you think the Gospel, explained this way, would help a lost person better understand what Jesus has to offer? Why?



Your Hope Story

Without looking at your notes, who remembers the four points to His Story, the Gospel?

What are some of the detours we get into beyond the simple message of the Gospel? What do we add that isn't part of the Gospel?

When sharing His story with others, why is it important to stick to talking about Jesus?

ACTION LAB REVIEW:

Last time we met, you were encouraged to share your hope story with someone else. Did anyone have that opportunity? How did it go?

Action Lab for next time:

Exciting opportunity to better learn His Story, and share it with others!

PRAY TOGETHER



Session Five

ACTION LAB

1. MEMORIZE HIS STORY / THE GOSPEL

Put to memory these four points and key verses.

There's a Relationship...

You're CREATED to Have.

All things have been created by Him and for Him.

Colossians 1:16

You DON'T Have - because you've run your own life.

Your sins have separated you from your God.

Isaiah 59:2

You CAN Have – because of Jesus.

Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but He died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. 1 Peter 3:18 NLT

You Must CHOOSE.

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but will have eternal life. John 3:16



Your Hope Story

2. WRITE OUT HIS STORY / THE GOSPEL

Now, write out the Gospel, using this outline, but using your own voice and words as if you were sharing with someone else.



Your Hope Story

3. PRACTICE SHARING HIS STORY

Find someone you can practice with sharing “life’s most important relationship.”

4. PRAY

Pray for boldness as you share His Story.

5. WRITE in your RESCUE JOURNAL

Write about your sharing experience(s) – how it went, and how it felt.

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Huntley

Huntley communicates his dramatic journey to Jesus, and how God has used his gifts as a musician and speaker to impact others.



Weston

Weston, Navajo, shares his powerful hope story, and how God has used him to share Jesus with others.



Xiaokuai (Cindy)

Xiaokuai (Cindy) shares about growing up in a lost family in rural China, to coming to the U.S., finding Jesus, and now sharing Jesus with others.



Your Hope Story

Emma (previously featured in Sessions One and Two)

Emma Mae boldly shares her passion for investing in the lives of others for Jesus.



John (previously featured in Sessions One and Two)

John shares his heart for the lost, his deep understanding of his many “tribes,” and his passion for sharing the Gospel with people everywhere.



WATCH: Bonus Content

You will BE my witnesses
- Understanding our Role as a Rescuer

Is Jesus the only way to God? - Answering the Objections

He Spent Everything He had on Me
- Ron Shares A Nellie Fox Baseball Card Story

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“Thinking Lost”

In this concluding session, Ron and Doug explain how to break through to where lost people are. To connect to the heart of a lost person, we need to use words they can understand, find a starting point they care about, and offer a relationship that shows we care.

STUDY GUIDE NOTES

HOPE STORY: Jordan

The one messenger who’s got the best chance of getting through is you.

HOPE STORY: Kirby



3 Keys to BREAKING THROUGH TO WHERE LOST PEOPLE ARE

1. Words they can _____.

Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

Colossians 4:4

Avoid “Christianese”

Examples include: sin, believe, born again, salvation.

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2. A _____ they care about.

HOPE STORY: Jason

Sin is a “non-issue”

Lost people care about the effects of sin.

Symptom → Disease → Cure



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3. A _____ that shows you _____.

HOPE STORY: Mitchell

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

HOPE STORY: Luciano

Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador...Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. Ephesians 6:19-20



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Those who lead many to righteousness, (will shine) like the stars for ever and ever. Daniel 12:3

TITANIC: John Harper's Story



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What part of Session Six stood out to you? Why?

We saw clips of these HOPE STORIES: Jordan, Kirby, Jason, Mitchell, and Luciano. Which hope story connected most with you? Why?

What are some other examples of Christianese words we often use? Why do you think these words might be confusing to lost people?



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Ron mentioned loneliness, emptiness, and uncertainty as examples of starting points lost people care about. What other “felt needs” or “symptoms” make a good starting point for the Gospel? And what difference does Jesus make in addressing those issues?

What are other examples of ways we can show lost people we genuinely care, and to love them in their language?

ACTION LAB REVIEW

Last time for the Action Lab, you were encouraged to memorize the four parts of His Story / the Gospel, write it out, and then share the Gospel with others. How did it go?

PRACTICE SHARING HIS STORY



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To wrap up our final session, practice sharing life's most important relationship in groups of three, based on what was learned last session. Take turns with one **sharing**, one being the **lost person listening**, and the third person serving as the **observer** who will provide feedback on the conversation.

LIFE-SAVING COMMITMENT

Write one lost person's name below on the line that pledges, "I will do whatever it takes to help "NAME" be in heaven with me some day." Sign and date it.

Life Saving Card

My Desire
To bring one friend to heaven with me who does not yet know Jesus.

My Commitment
*"Jesus, I will do whatever it takes to bring my friend,
_____, to heaven with me."*

My Strategy
Pray daily for my friend and Tell my friend about Jesus

Signed _____ Date _____



PRAY TOGETHER

Pray for each other in your group a commissioning prayer. Pray, "Lord, help my friend to be Your lifeguard on their stretch of the beach."

Pray for all those individuals to be rescued, whose names are on the Life Saving Cards – and for those promising to go in for the rescue.



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ACTION LAB

Congratulations on completing Your Hope Story! You are now equipped to be a rescuer!

Moving forward, we pray this will become a lifestyle of rescue. Here are some ongoing “Action Lab” steps for you:

1. RESCUE

Use the tools you’ve been given to share your story, and share His story, with lost people who need Jesus.

2. PRAY

Pray the 3-open prayer. Step into opportunities to share Jesus all around you.

3. WRITE in your RESCUE JOURNAL

Continue writing in your Rescue Journal.

4. JOIN THE HOPE STORY MOVEMENT

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Engage! Share your stories! We would love to hear from you.

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5. SPREAD THE WORD about YOUR HOPE STORY!

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WATCH FULL-LENGTH HOPE STORIES and BONUS CONTENT

Each story featured in this session has a longer version available for your encouragement.

Check out “Full-Length Hope Stories” for Session Six and Bonus Content at this QR code:



Jordan

Jordan shares his journey to living and leading for Jesus, and his passion to reach, disciple, and mobilize Gen Z for Christ.

Jason

Jason shares his powerful story, and how he boldly and creatively shares Jesus with lost people in his world.



Mitchell

Mitchell communicates how God led him to be the love of Jesus, and how God uses him to represent Christ in the “Battle Rap” community.



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Hal

Hal shares his journey to Jesus, and how prayer ignites opportunities to share with others.



Kirby (previously featured in Sessions Two and Three)

Kirby shares her dramatic story of finding Christ, and her passion to be a bold rescuer and passionate leader for her generation.

(previously featured in Sessions One and Two) Luciano

Luciano shares how God powerfully transformed his heart and mind, remembering what it is like to be lost.



WATCH: Bonus Content

Breaking through the Blindness - How to challenge the blindness in the hearts and minds of unbelievers

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Bill



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Weston



Jason



John



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Jordan



Karen



Kirby



Luciano



Manny



Mary-Lola

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Hope Stories in OTHER LANGUAGES



Luciano - Spanish



Xiaokuai 郝晓快
Mandarin



Your Hope Story – Answer Key

Session One: My Restless Heart

1. Our INFLUENCE
2. Our STORY

Our mission in one word: RESCUE

Rescue Bridge #1 – Your SITUATION is Your ASSIGNMENT

Rescue Bridge #2 – Your TRIBE

I am someone's CHANCE

Session Two: How to Get Started

Those known to be SAVED; Those known to be LOST

Rescue Bridge #3 – Your PRAYING

Lord, OPEN a DOOR; Lord, OPEN their HEART; Lord, OPEN my MOUTH

The reason we don't tell them about Jesus: FEAR

God's hand. I'm the GLOVE.

Session Three: The Story Only You Can Tell

Rescue Bridge #4: Your HOPE STORY

Nobody can ARGUE with your story!



Session Four: “Three Stories – A Bridge to Heaven”

An Open Heart, opens HEARTS.

Five Characteristics of an Effective Hope Story

1. TRANSPARENT
2. SPECIFIC
3. BRIEF
4. CURRENT
5. JESUS-CENTERED

Session Five: HIS Story – That Changes Eternities

How to have Life’s Most Important RELATIONSHIP.

There’s a Relationship...

1. You’re CREATED to have
2. You DON’T have
3. You CAN have
4. You must CHOOSE

Session Six: Thinking Lost

1. Words they can UNDERSTAND.
2. A STARTING POINT they care about.
3. A RELATIONSHIP that shows you CARE



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Help raise up more RESCUERS to reach people for Christ.

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- Develop Your Hope Story into multiple foreign languages, to equip believers around the world to become rescuers.

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making His appeal through us.**

2 Corinthians 5:20





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