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Use this guide when the majority of the group are not followers of Jesus.

CHECK-IN: **1)** Warmly welcome everyone. **2)** You answer the check-in question first. **3)** Then go around the circle. **NOTE:** Skip question #3 on Week ①.



1. What is your first name?
2. What is a highlight or lowlight from this past week?
3. If you were here before, what personal goal did you write down, and how did it go?

Choose one Bible story per week. **1)** Ask for two volunteers to read the Bible story in 2 different translations. **2)** After reading the story, help the group, with prompts, to collectively re-tell the story together from memory, including as many details as possible. **3)** But first, have pray before reading.

- Week ① **Hope for the Rejected**, The Sinful Woman – Luke 7:36-50
- Week ② **Hope for the Tempted**, Living Free – James 1:13-17, 1 Corinthians 10:12-13
- Week ③ **Hope for the Non-Religious**, Pharisee & Tax Collector – Luke 18:9-17
- Week ④ **Hope Changes Things**, Zacchaeus – Luke 19:1-10
- Week ⑤ **Hope Forgives**, Unforgiving Servant – Matthew 18:21-35
- Week ⑥ **Hope Through Death**, Thieves on the Cross – Luke 23:26-43
- Week ⑦ **Hope Rose from the Dead**, Resurrection – Luke 24:1-20
- Week ⑧ **Hope is Waiting for You**, Prodigal Son – Luke 15:11-32
- Week ⑨ **Download & start** – www.TheCommandsOfJesus.com





6 Questions: Cut on the dotted line and distribute around the circle. Ask, “Who has Question One?”

1. What do you think this story shows us about ourselves and people in general?
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2. What do you see this story teaching us about God and the way His Kingdom works?
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3. Everyone will need a pen and a [notepad](#) or a [3x5 index card](#). Let’s take 3 minutes to quietly think and write down our answers to this question. [Have extra notepads and cards for people.]

From this story, what is an example to follow or a command to obey this next week?

- I’ll start the timer. We have 3 minutes to think and write.
- Time is up. I’ll go first and share what I wrote today.
- Then, we’ll go clockwise around the circle.



4. Who did you reach out to last week, or would you like to reach out to this next week?
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5. What parts of the Bible did you read last week, or would you like to read this next week?
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6. As we wrap up, what do we need to talk with God and pray about?

