

JCBC 7 PM Bible Study – 9/09/2026

**1 PETER 3:15 – But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:
and be ready always to give an answer to every man that
asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with
meekness and fear:**



1 PETER 3:15 [NLV]– Your heart should be holy and set apart for the Lord God. Always be ready to tell everyone who asks you why you believe as you do. Be gentle as you speak and show respect.



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B/C 7 P.M Bible Study

"Your Hope Story"



JCBC PURPOSE STATEMENT

To lead people to Jesus Christ and conversion, develop their commitment to Christ and equip them to comfort others in His name, as a valued member of a community of believers who celebrate God and his goodness.

- **OBJECTIVES**

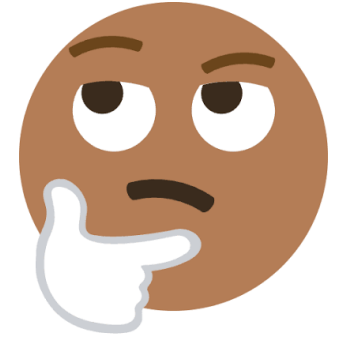
- ▶ *1 Peter 3:15 > To be prepared to share the reasons for personal hope in Christ*
- ▶ *2 Corinthians 5:20 > To be effective ambassadors for Christ through our personal testimonies*

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- * *Health Fair Prayer Clinic – See Deacon Royster to pick your preferred time slot to pray for guests and share gospel tracts*
- * *Bible Study social – Please see Wilhelmina if you want join her at the Durham Rescue Mission Banquet on Thursday 10/1 from 6 – 8 p.m.*



Assignment:
Share your 1-minute testimony



- How did you start your relationship with God?
- Who is Jesus Christ and why is Jesus Christ important to you?
- How has Jesus Christ has changed your life?

How the Word defines the spiritual condition of people who don't know God and have salvation in Jesus Christ.

LUKE 19:10 [NKJV] – “for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

EPHESIANS 2:1-5, 12-13 [NLT]– Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!).....In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope. But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.

EPHESIANS 4:17-19 [NLT]– With the Lord's authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused. Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him. They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity.

EPHESIANS 5:5-8 [NLT]– You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him. Don't participate in the things these people do. For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!

COLOSSIANS 1:13 [NLT]– For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son,

COLOSSIANS 1:21 [NLT]– This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions.

COLOSSIANS 2:13-14 [NLT] - You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

2 THESSALONIANS 1:7-9 [NLT] - And God will provide rest for you who are being persecuted and also for us when the Lord Jesus appears from heaven. He will come with his mighty angels, in flaming fire, bringing judgment on those who don't know God and on those who refuse to obey the Good News of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with eternal destruction, forever separated from the Lord and from his glorious power.



2 Corinthians 5:18-20

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. [NKJV]

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5 [KJV] - *We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.*

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1,4 [KJV] - *And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God....And my speech and my preaching was *not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.**

MATTHEW 5:16 [KJV] - *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

PHILIPPIANS 2:15 [KJV] *That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;*



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Aug 26

**SESSION 1:
"MY RESTLESS HEART"**

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Sep 2

**SESSION 2:
"HOW TO GET STARTED"**

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Sep 9

**SESSION 3:
"THE STORY ONLY YOU CAN TELL"**

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Sep 16

**SESSION 4:
"THREE STORIES - A BRIDGE TO HEAVEN"**

**Session 4: Three Stories – A Bridge to
Heaven**

Sep 23

**SESSION 5:
"HIS STORY - THAT CHANGES ETERNITIES"**

**Session 5: His Story – That Changes
Eternities**

Sep 30

**SESSION 6:
"THINKING LOST"**

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Sessions One and Two Action Labs Review

- * Have you become aware of more natural opportunities to bring up Jesus with people you know? With people you don't know or just met?
- * Share your experience from praying the 3-Open prayer.
- * What “open doors” came your way and how did you respond?
- * Did you connect with someone who needs Christ by praying with them?
- * Do you have a new or elevated concern for a specific person you know who needs a relationship with Christ?

STUDY GUIDE

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▸ Sep 09– Session Three
▸ **“The Story Only You Can Tell”**



- See Hope Story Study Guide, Session Tree Study Guide Notes, pg.27-29
- Session Three Video (~20 min.); complete Study Guide Notes
- Hope Story Study Guide, Session Three Discussion Questions, pg. 30-31
- Action Lab Review
- Close in Prayer

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Session Three ACTION LAB (pg. 32-23) **for next week**

1. Most of us have already written our personal Hope Story as our 1-minute testimony that informs how Jesus changed your life. If you haven't, please write your Hope Story using the 3 questions listed in Action Lab Exercise #1.
2. Continue to pray the 3-Open prayer at the start of the day. Share how God answered.
3. Use the blank journal pages to record your prayers, spiritual insights, and names of people you're praying will start a relationship with Jesus Christ.

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Victory Fall Graduation

September 15 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Where: Storr Chapel – 1201 E. Main St. Durham, NC.

This special event honors the hard work, perseverance, and faith of the men and women who have completed our Victory program. Come be inspired by powerful testimonies and stories of hope. All are welcome.



5-6 PM – Registration and Seating at the Durham Armory

6-8 PM – Welcome, dinner, testimonies, DRM Victory Choir Program