



# Living Hope

## Discipleship Group Questions for June 7, 2017

**TOPIC/THEME:** A Living Hope

**MAIN TEACHING PASSAGE:**

**Additional Verses:** Romans 8:18-25, Romans 15:7-13, 1 Timothy 4:6-10, Colossians 1:24-29

### **POSSIBLE ICE BREAKERS:**

- #1 - What is one team, club, or organization that you are a part of? Why are you a part of it?
- #2 - What is your favorite thing to do in your free time? Why is it your favorite?

**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:** *Feel free to use whatever questions here you think best apply to your group. Remember the goal is go deeper in discussion and help the students to take the next step in their faith. All of these questions should help you get to the application of the lesson for each individual. The application may be different for each person in the group based on where they are at spiritually. Be sure to work from head to heart to hands!*

**HEAD QUESTIONS:** *Use these questions to get people talking, everyone answers based on their knowledge & understanding of the topic*

- \*What was the main point of this lesson? Did any other points stand out to you?
- \*Did the examples or illustrations used in the lesson make sense? Do you have any of your own?
- \*What is meant by LIVING hope?
- \*How is our living hope in Jesus different than a worldly hope?
- \*What is different about Jesus (compared to other beliefs and religions)?
- \*Why chose Jesus over everything else?
- \*Why is hope necessary at all?
- \*What does having a sure hope allow us to do?
- \*What does it mean to be hopeless? How does hopelessness affect people?

**HEART QUESTIONS:** *Use these questions to go deeper, answers should be specific to each individual rather than generic and in theory.*

- \*Why do (or don't) you put your hope in Jesus?
- \*Why is it important not to hide your hope in Jesus from others?
- \*Is your hope in Jesus a living/active hope? How faithful are you to this hope?
- \*How invested are you in your hope in Jesus? (AKA how much control do you give to Jesus to rule over your life)
- \*Why is it difficult to give up things for Jesus? Why is it necessary?
- \*How will other things you put your hope in fail you? do you have any experience of this happening?
- \*What are/aren't you willing to do for Jesus? Is there anything you feel called to do that you refuse? Why?
- \*What does your hope in what Jesus has for you have to do with your actions?
- \*Do you feel more free to take action when your hope is firmly in Jesus? Why?

**HANDS QUESTIONS:** *Use these questions to create application and action using what we've learned and discussed. Be specific about your plans and invite accountability & prayer to help affect change.*

- \*How do you make your hope in Jesus a living hope?
- \*What is something you can do this week for someone who does not have hope?
- \*What can you do to make sure your hope is living throughout the week and not hiding?
- \*How do you cultivate and grow your hope/belief in Jesus so you can be truly reliant on Him?
- \*In what ways can you show gratitude towards Jesus and God for what they have done?
- \*What is a way that we can make sure you stick to your commitments this week?

**RESOURCES:** *Here are some additional resources that might be helpful to you as you prepare or if someone in your group wants to research deeper on this topic.*

- <https://www.gotquestions.org/Christianity-unique.html> - What makes christianity unique? - our hope is based on the fact that we believe in the one true God and that there is no other.