



Living Hope

Discipleship Group Questions for May 3, 2017

TOPIC/THEME: A Living Hope

MAIN TEACHING PASSAGE: Romans 5:1-11

Additional Verses: 1 Peter 1:1-12, Romans 15:13, 2 Corinthians 1:1-7, Ephesians 4:1-6

POSSIBLE ICE BREAKERS:

#1 - What was one fun thing you did over memorial day weekend?

#2 - If you could only eat at one restaurant for the rest of your life, what restaurant would you choose?

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*

*Do you have any questions about what was said tonight? Was anything new to you?

*Why is hope significant to us? Why is it significant in the story of the Bible?

*Where does hope come from?

*What are things that you regularly put your hope in? Why do you put hope in these things?

*Why are trials and tribulations necessary?

*What does the Paul mean when he says Jesus reconciled us to God by sacrificing himself?

*What does this mean for those who have not accepted Christ?

Why is it important that Jesus died for us while we were still sinners?

How is hope like light?

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

*Can you think of a time you lost hope when facing something tough?

*Why is it harder for you to have hope during difficult times?

*When was a time that you had peace during a difficult circumstance? Why was this time different?

*How does your faith in God and relationship with Jesus given you hope?

*Why is it hard to share your hope in Jesus with others?

*Do you always place your hope in Jesus? What are other things you tend to place hope into?

*Why is it you feel close to God sometimes but farther away from Him at other times?

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.*

* What can you do be more confident of your hope in Jesus?

* What can you do for those who do not have a hope in Jesus?

*How can you give people who are in tough situations hope?

*Why is it important to share the hope you have with others? Why is it difficult?

*What are some practical things you can do this week to give others hope, and share your own hope with them?

*In what ways can you grow closer to God? Why is that important in regards to your hope?

*How can we hold you accountable and encourage you to follow through with 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.*

- <http://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionary/hope/> - Biblical Definition of hope

- <http://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/what-is-so-important-about-christian-hope> - Interview w/ John Piper about hope