



► In your Bible and Discipleship this week:

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Read one of these passages each day to deepen the impact of the sermon and to prepare for next week. Utilize your Life Journal pages or a notebook, writing down a word, phrase or verse that especially speaks to you, then applying the SOAP process. Then, SOAK in God's presence with meditation and prayer.

Further study from this week's sermon.

Day 1: Romans 4:18-5:5.

Day 2: Colossians 1:3-6; 25-27.

Day 3: Hebrews 6:16-20; 11:1-3.

Day 4: 1 Peter 1:3-9; 13-16; 3:15-18.

Day 5: 1 John 3:1-3; Psalm 25:1-7; 33:16-22; 130:1-8.

Discussion questions for processing the sermon with your disciple buddy or small group. Why not grab someone and use these questions to discuss the sermon in the Gathering Center after church?

1. What are your hopes in your life right now? What is your hope for the next life?
2. Which of your hopes are based upon promises in God's Word? Locate those promises and write them next to each of your hopes.
3. Why is a hope based upon the promise of God more sure than a hope just based upon a desire?
4. As Christians we find great hope in Christmas. Explain how a baby in a manger could give rise to such hopes for this life and for the next.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:12-13