

BIG IDEA

True hope cannot be contained.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

Share a story about a time you found hope in an unexpected place. What did you learn?

Read 1 Peter 3:15-17. What assumption(s) is Peter making about believers in this passage?

Read Ephesians 1:18-20. Compare and contrast this passage with **1 Peter 3:15-17**. What similarities do you see? What differences?

Read Romans 4:16-22. How does Abraham model hope for modern believers? What would this kind of hope look like in your context?

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

Do you have an “uncontainable hope”? How can you tell?

In what situations are you good at seeing hope? When is it most difficult for you to find hope?

In the message this week, Jeremy said:

“You have the ability to speak hope into the lives of the people around you.”

How comfortable are you with this statement? Explain.

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

How often do people ask you “to give the reason for the hope that you have”? Based on your answer, what conclusions can you draw about your hope filter?

Read 1 Peter 5:6-7. Which hope-blocker do you struggle with more? Pride or anxiety? What would it look like for you to humble yourself? To cast your cares on Jesus?

Can you pinpoint a moment in your life when hope died? What is God teaching you about this circumstance?

As a group, create a definition of “hope” based on your study tonight. How is this definition different than your previous understanding of hope?

Pray the lyrics from *O Holy Night* aloud as you close. Share your insights with the group.

