

Hope

Leaders Guide



Welcome

This six-week series created at Grace Community Church in Arlington, TX explores the biblical view of hope as a confident expectation that God will come through for us in both this life and the next.

Series Overview

Week 1: Session One

Learn how we can have hope in Jesus because He is our Shepherd. Jesus even describes Himself as the Good Shepherd. This word could also mean beautiful, honorable, or noble.

Week 2: Session Two

Discover hope in a God who is our Refuge, our protector. Even in the midst of life's worst storms, we can place our hope in God because He promises to protect us.

Week 3: Session Three

God delivers us from all the things that want to ensnare and trap us. He is our Deliverer. Learn this week how God is in the business of radically changing lives for the good of all.

Week 4: Session Four

Hope does not mean much in today's culture. We hope to win the lottery or that our favorite team would win the championship. Discover this week how hope in the Bible is a sure thing. It is a confident expectation that God will do what He says He will do.

Week 5: Session Five

We have a perfect Redeemer in whom we can place our hope. We might experience suffering today, but one day God will make all things new because of His redemptive blood.

Week 6: Session Six

We can have hope in the eternal security of our Savior. Eternal life does not start in heaven, it starts the moment we place our trust in Jesus and begin a relationship with Him.

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Discipleship Insights

- Here are the six things in which we can place our hope.
 - The Good Shepherd
 - God Our Refuge
 - The Deliverer
 - The Appearing
 - Our Redeemer
 - The Eternal
- Ask people in your group to do a Bible study outside of the normal group time where they look for verses concerning these six reasons for hope.
- You might find that members struggle with the topic of hope because of how dark our world may seem. Encourage them not to look for hope in material, temporal things; but rather our hope rests in an eternal, omnipotent God who loves us.
- At the end of the study, ask people where they feel they are at with God. Pray that God might work in someone's life so he or she might place hope in Him.
- Ask your group to journal throughout the experience and wrestle with God about the topic of hope.