



WEEK 6 | GUIDE

HOPE

Core Value #5 -Hope

Vision Statement: In a culture filled with despair, violence, exploitation, and hopelessness, we choose to live our lives with hope. We believe that Jesus is Lord over all of creation, so we work together in his name to embody life, peace, justice and hope in his name until he returns. (Acts 2:36; 1 Cor 8:6; 2 Cor 5:11-21)

Let's read some scriptures that reveal this to us.

- **Romans 8:18 - 25** - 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.
 - **Quickly - Tell your circle how this text inspires you.**
- **Romans 12:9-12** - 9 Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. 10 Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.
 - **Quickly - Tell your circle how this text inspires you.**
- **Hebrews 10:19-25** - 19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.
 - **Quickly - Tell your circle how this text inspires you.**

Weekly Questions:

1. With the past weeks in mind, what are the challenges of being a Prophetic Community?
2. After understanding the values of the Prophetic Community, what are the blessings of the Prophetic Community to our families, our Church, community, and the world?
3. What is so profound about the Hope that is explained in Romans 8:18-25?
4. Why is an understanding of the hope we have so important in the Prophetic Community?
5. Why is the hope we have in Christ something to rejoice about? How does rejoicing in Christ protect us from becoming angry Christians?

Closing:

As you prepare to go into the sanctuary for a time of worship, prepare your hearts by having somebody in your circle read these verses out loud. When you are finished say “amen” in unison and then have someone lead your circle in prayer.

1 Corinthians 8:5

”5 For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— 6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

Take time to pray together.

Share announcement: We do not have Circles on Wednesday, February 23 due to a scheduled break. We will be coming together corporately to kick off our new Circle Series, Reading the Bible Together | 1 John on Wednesday, March 2!