



11/27/2022 "Hope"

1. What stood out to you from this week's message? Why?
2. How would you define "hope"? How might your definition be different from others?
3. Read Psalm 130 aloud together. The psalmist is sure that if God preserved a record of sin, everyone would be washed out—it's a scary thought. What specific things about God bring the psalmist relief? What does he hope (wait) to receive from God?
4. Read Romans 5:1-8. What is the basis for our hope or trust in God according to Romans 5?
5. How would you describe the object of hope in Romans 5:1-8?
6. Biblical hope is about trusting a promise. Take a minute, as a group, and try to identify some biblical promises. (Use google if needed, just beware not all websites are created equal.)
7. Given who Jesus is and what he has done, how does that help you wait while you hope? (Consider Hebrews 10:23)
8. Hope is often filled with a sense of tense expectation, a period of waiting. How does Jesus' arrival relieve some of the tension for the first century community?
9. Take a few minutes to consider how Jesus' arrival in your life might help meet some of the expectations and hopes that you have?
10. Take a moment to reflect on this question: What promises or hopes are you building your life around?
11. What can you do during this season of advent to recenter your hope and expectation around Jesus?