



Part Four: Discovering Hope

Humans are hope-shaped people. Whatever we place our hope in has a direct impact on how we live our lives today. We want to discover a hope that brings joy even when we are in pain.

Scripture: Romans 8:18-19, Romans 5:3-5

Bottom Line: Persist through pain with patience.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever hoped for something and been disappointed when things didn't turn out the way you had expected? What were some of the emotions that you felt?
2. Do you think there is a difference between wishful thinking and true hope? How would you define hope in your own words?
3. Read Romans 5:3-5 together. Paul says that hope doesn't disappoint. On Sunday we heard that we can discover this hope by looking at what God will do and what God has done. Read the following passages together and discuss how these passages help you to have hope: Hebrews 9:11-5, Romans 8:24, Revelation 21:1-4.
4. What are some things that threaten your hope? Do these verses give you any encouragement when it comes to strengthening your hope?
5. Do you think that you are a hopeful person? Why or why not? Read Romans 8:25. How do hope and patience fit with one another? How can you grow your patience even when you are in pain?

Moving Forward

What areas of your life do you need to persist in hope? Is there pain that you need to persist through? Share your struggles with a small group who can pray for you. What is one thing that you have learned throughout this series and how will you implement it in your life going forward?