



Advent Week 1 - Hope

Sunday marked the start of the Advent season. The first week of Advent focuses on Hope. On Sunday, we heard from Arlene and Cliff Martz, founders of Ryan's Rays. Their story is full of hope, and we are excited to partner with them this year to fund a care centre for children in need in Guatemala.

Ice Breaker

Are you a traveler or a homebody? If there was ONE place anywhere in the world you could visit, where would you go? And why?

Introduction

Have you ever visited a developing country or been on a mission trip to serve people in need? If so, how did it change your perspective? What did you learn? If not, have you ever thought about doing so?

Read Acts 3:1-10

- Why do you think this story is in the Bible (what do you think the main point is)?
- How do you think this healing changes the man's life, not only physically but also spiritually?
- Do you think there is a deeper meaning to this story, other than the physical healing of a man? If so, what do you think we are supposed to learn?

Moving Forward

1. In light of passages like this, and others where Jesus heals people, how do you think Jesus followers should respond to those who are in need?
2. As you heard about Ryan's Rays and the Care Centre being built in Guatemala, what made an impact on you? What are some ways that you can respond to the needs and the challenge given?

Prayer Prompts

As we head into the last month of the year, we are seeking to raise \$60,000 to fund 3 projects:

1. Our Auditorium Renovation
 2. To support Ryans' Rays and their Care Centre in Guatemala and
 3. To support growth and outreach at Westside at Christmas and in the New Year
- Please join with us, as we pray that God would provide for these needs. Pray for God to speak to you about how you might participate in this fundraising campaign.