



# Hope (Romans 8:18-25, Hebrews 6:13-20)

## **What do we hope for?**

Our inheritance as children of God, which is being with God himself (*Romans 8:19, 23*).

## **How can we hope for it?**

Because God promises it by swearing on himself, and we can trust his character (*Hebrews 6:17-18*).

## **What effect does this hope have on us?**

It gives us strength to face the unimaginably difficult, and it gives light to a world that is apathetic and despairing \_ (*Hebrews 6:19, Romans 8:24-25*).

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## Questions:

- What are you hoping for this year?
- What do we hope for as Christians?
- How often does this heavenly hope invade our daily reality?
- How do we reconcile the things we hope for everyday with the eternal hope described by the Bible?

This is a great subject to talk about, but it's an amazing subject to pray about at the start of the year. This is my prayer for you and your small groups: *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."* (*Romans 5:13*)

I want to encourage to leave plenty of time for prayer: pray to be filled with hope, pray for the things your small group are hoping for, pray that this year we might show God's hope to a world that desperately needs hope.

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