



Hope

**GOD HAS
MORE IN STORE**

SMALL GROUP
MEMBER GUIDE

 church on the rock

SESSION 1

GETTING STARTED

What are you hoping to get out of this study, *Hope*?

FOCUS VERSE

¹³ Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

ROMANS 15:13 | KJV

What does Bible Hope mean?

Bible Hope is a confident expectation that something good is in your future.

Benefits of Bible Hope:

1 | Happiness

⁵ Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God:

PSALMS 146:5 | KJV

2 | Joy

¹ Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

² By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

ROMANS 5:1-2 | KJV

3 | Impacts Other People

¹⁵ But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

I PETER 3:15 | KJV

4 | A Reward

²³ Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

HEBREWS 10:23 | KJV

5 | Stability

¹⁸ That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

HEBREWS 6:18 | KJV

6 | God's Favor

¹¹ The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

PSALMS 147:11 | KJV

SESSION 2

GETTING STARTED

What is *Bible Hope*?

FOCUS VERSE

¹² *That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:*

EPHESIANS 2:12 | KJV

**Without God there is no hope.
With God there is hope.**

We get Bible Hope by:

- 1 | Knowing God**
- 2 | Knowing the Scriptures**
- 3 | Knowing we have eternal life**
- 4 | Knowing God's plan and purpose for our life**

² *I will cry to God Most High, Who performs on my behalf and rewards me
[Who brings to pass His purposes for me and surely completes them]!*

PSALM 57:2 | AMP

SESSION 3

GETTING STARTED

What has been one takeaway from the past 2 sessions that has impacted your life?



FOCUS VERSE

⁴ For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

ROMANS 15:4 | KJV

Bible Hope: Confident expectation that something good is in your future.

¹ Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; ² In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

TITUS 1:1-2 | KJV

Knowing God can't lie or disappoint me should fill me with hope!

⁷ That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

TITUS 3:7 | KJV

Don't settle for less than God's very best!

¹⁸ And therefore the Lord [earnestly] waits [expecting, looking, and longing] to be gracious to you; and therefore, He lifts Himself up, that He may have mercy on you and show loving-kindness to you. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are all those who [earnestly] wait for Him, who expect and look and long for Him [for His victory, His favor, His love, His peace, His joy, and His matchless, unbroken companionship]!

ISAIAH 30:18 | AMP

Are you looking for God's best?

When you look for God's very best, God will meet you at that level of expectation.

SESSION 4

GETTING STARTED

How has Isaiah 30:18 impacted your life this week?

FOCUS VERSE

¹¹ My days are past, my purposes are broken off, even the thoughts of my heart. ¹² They change the night into day: the light is short because of darkness. ¹³ If I wait, the grave is mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness. ¹⁴ I have said to corruption, Thou art my father: to the worm, Thou art my mother, and my sister. ¹⁵ And where is now my hope? As for my hope, who shall see it? ¹⁶ They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when our rest together is in the dust.

JOB 17:11-16 | KJV

For our **hope** to not be stolen, we need to be selective of the following:

- 1 | Negative talk
- 2 | Small thinking people
- 3 | People who are always talking about the past
- 4 | What we are watching and listening to

God is about to do something good in you!
Put your hope on God not your circumstances.

⁷ Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

JEREMIAH 17:7 | KJV

**When you know God's promises,
you will place your hope in God!**

SESSION 5

GETTING STARTED

How much progress have you made with changing those things that have stolen your hope?

Bible Hope will never disappoint you.

FOCUS VERSE

³³ *As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumbling stone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.*

ROMANS 9:33 | KJV

¹⁸ *Behold, the Lord's eye is upon those who fear Him [who revere and worship Him with awe], who wait for Him and hope in His mercy and loving-kindness.*

PSALM 33:18 | AMP

God's looking for people who are expecting big! You serve a Big God!

²⁰ *Our inner selves wait [earnestly] for the Lord; He is our Help and our Shield. ²¹For in Him does our heart rejoice, because we have trusted (relied on and been confident) in His holy name.*

²² *Let Your mercy and loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, in proportion to our waiting and hoping for You.*

PSALM 33:20-22 | AMP

God meets you at the level of your expectations.

SESSION 6

GETTING STARTED

What was something that you changed in the past six weeks that has built your hope?

FOCUS VERSE

⁵ Thus says the Lord: Cursed [with great evil] is the strong man who trusts in and relies on frail man, making weak [human] flesh his arm, and whose mind and heart turn aside from the Lord. ⁶ For he shall be like a shrub or a person naked and destitute in the desert; and he shall not see any good come, but shall dwell in the parched places in the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷ [Most] blessed is the man who believes in, trusts in, and relies on the Lord, and whose hope and confidence the Lord is. ⁸ For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters that spreads out its roots by the river; and it shall not see and fear when heat comes; but its leaf shall be green. It shall not be anxious and full of care in the year of drought, nor shall it cease yielding fruit.

JEREMIAH 17:5-8 | AMP

Hope is an anchor for your emotions.

⁸ But we belong to the day; therefore, let us be sober and put on the breastplate (corslet) of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:8 | AMP

What we are thinking, we are feeling.

If we are thinking wrong thoughts, we are feeling wrong.

Faith needs Hope; Hope needs Faith.

¹ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

HEBREWS 11:1 | KJV

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1 What does it mean to have Bible Hope?

2 One of the benefits of Bible Hope is impacting others. How can you impact one person this week and be a witness?

3 What can you do this week to birth a greater level of expectation and a greater level of Bible Hope in your life?

DIVING DEEPER

- 1** Read the Focus Verse, Romans 15:13, every day this week as part of your daily devotions. Challenge yourself to have the verse memorized before your next Small Groups meeting.
- 2** Share with someone outside of your Small Group one thing that you learned this week about the benefits of having Bible Hope.
- 3** Invite a friend to your next Small Group meeting.
- 4** Invite people from your Small Group to sit together during a Sunday service.

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1 How can I know God every day?

2 What does it mean that God meets you at the level of your expectation?

3 How can I know God's plan for my life?

DIVING DEEPER

- 1** During your daily Bible reading plan, look for the word HOPE and highlight it.
- 2** Purchase the One Year Bible and start reading the Bible daily.
- 3** Invite a friend to your next Small Group meeting.
- 4** Invite people from your Small Group to sit together during a Sunday service.

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1 What is one thing you took away from Isaiah 30:18?

2 What is one thing you have Bible hope for?

3 How can I hold to a promise of God?

DIVING DEEPER

1 Meditate on Isaiah 30:18 this week.

2 Write this phrase down and read it every day,
“Bible Hope: Confident expectation that something good is in my future.”

3 Invite a friend to your next Small Group meeting.

4 Invite people from your Small Group to sit together during a Sunday service.

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1 Job had lost hope. Read Job 17: 11-16 and evaluate how Job got to that point.

2 Our message is “God is for You”. How does that phrase bring you hope?

3 Hope can be stolen by negative talk, small thinking, people who are always talking about the past, and what we watch and listen to. What area(s) do you need to be more selective in in your life?

DIVING DEEPER

1 Write down 3 promises of God and meditate on them this week.

2 Talk to someone about what you learned during today’s session.

3 Invite a friend to your next Small Group meeting.

4 Invite people from your Small Group to sit together during a Sunday service.

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1 What are you expecting in 2024?

**2 One of the benefits of Bible Hope is 'Impacting Others'.
How can you impact one person this week and be a witness?**

3 How has Bible hope changed you so far?

DIVING DEEPER

- 1** List all that you are expecting in 2024 from God!
- 2** Share with someone the things you are learning during our Small Group sessions.
- 3** Invite a friend to your next Small Group meeting.
- 4** Invite people from your Small Group to sit together during a Sunday service.

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1 How can we stabilize our thought life?

2 How do hope and faith work together?

DIVING DEEPER

1 When reading through the One Year Bible, continue to mark every time you see the word HOPE!

2 Invite a friend to Easter at Church on the Rock!