

## **LIFE Group Guide**

Unpacking His Gifts

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**THE ORCHARD**

**Read:** 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

### **Outline:**

#### **How hope is received:**

- With groaning
- With longing for release
- With being burdened

#### **How hope is described:**

- From God – not man
- Eternal – unfading
- Guaranteed by the indwelling Spirit

#### **How is hope expressed?**

- Good courage
- Walk by faith, not sight
- A longing for home
- Aiming to please Him
- Preparing to appear for judgement
- Ready to receive what is due

#### **What is our hope?**

- An eternal body
- The reward of Jesus
- Going home with Jesus

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What encouraged, nourished, or challenged you from this sermon? The scripture passage?
2. What are the gifts that God gives us during the Christmas season? How are these gifts we really need and how does God give them?
3. What are some ways that you feel the weight (or groaning) of life in this world? What things can we look forward to in order to find hope?
4. What does it mean that the Holy Spirit is the guarantee of what we will receive in the future? How do we experience that future hope even now?
5. What does it look like for us to live a life of hope? What does this passage tell us about how hope is expressed in our daily lives?