

"HOPE"

Southern Lakes Church
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1. Have you ever experienced a situation that seemed hopeless. Would you be willing to share that experience and how you felt with the group?

2. What is ADVENT and how can it be a blessing in this season leading up to Christmas? What ADVENT traditions do you and your family practice?

3. READ I Peter 3:15. What should each of us be able to do? What reasons would you give for your hope?

4. READ Isaiah 9:6-7. What is the context of this passage and why would this have been a source of hope for God's people? How should it serve as a source of hope for us as we prepare for Christmas?

5. READ Romans 15:4. What is one of the purposes of God's Word? How can we leverage God's Word as a personal source of hope and how can we also leverage God's Word as a source of hope to be shared?

6. READ Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:21. What was God's provision and how should that bring hope to a hopeless world?

7. Why do people struggle with having no hope? Why is it often a greater struggle during the holidays? Is it any different for believers versus non-believers? (READ I Thess. 4:13)

8. READ Hebrews 12:2. What should we tell those who are struggling to have hope?

9. READ Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:22-24. What is the marvelous mystery of the incarnation (Phil. 2; Jn. 1) and how should it bring hope to our lives?

10. READ Hebrews 13:5 and 6:19. How do these promises of God give us hope? How can we remain hopeful no matter how bad things in this life get?

11. What things are bringing you down and how can prayer help bring you up? Pray for one another that you might be filled with HOPE and be overflowing that hope to others in this Advent season.