

# HOPE

A Good Place to Find Life

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## Small Group Discussion Guide — MAY 17, 2026

- Series: I Declare
  - Sermon: Yet
  - Scripture: Habakkuk 3:17-19
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### **CONNECT**

Would you rather have unlimited coffee or unlimited ice cream?

### **FOLLOW-UP FROM LAST WEEK**

Share one takeaway, question, or personal reflection from last week's sermon that you've continued to think about or wrestle with throughout the week.

### **ENGAGE**

1. What do you think it means to "rejoice in the Lord" when everything around you feels uncertain?
2. Why is it significant that Habakkuk praises God before his circumstances change?

### **APPLY**

1. Just as buildings are designed to withstand earthquakes, our faith needs a strong foundation to endure "life-quakes". What helps build that foundation of confidence and trust in God, and what tends to shake it most?
2. How do we cultivate the habit of biblical lament - bringing our pain to God in faith - rather than falling into patterns of complaining or self-focused frustration? What might that look like in your life today?
3. Standing firm in faith doesn't happen overnight - it is built over time through dependence on the Holy Spirit, grounding ourselves in scripture, and walking with a committed community of believers. Which of those feels strongest in your life right now, and which one might God be inviting you to grow in?
4. Like Kintsugi, where brokenness is restored and made beautiful, how might God be using the "cracks" or scars in your life to reflect His redemption? What makes that hard to trust?

## **GOING DEEPER**

“Yet” is a small word with enormous strength - it acknowledges present hardship while holding onto hope for what is still unfinished and yet to come. This week, write down a list of “yet” statements in your own life- areas where circumstances feel painful, uncertain, or difficult, yet you can still declare God’s goodness. Write each worry out as a statement

Examples - I feel overwhelmed, yet I know God is with me.

circumstances are painful, yet I know God is faithful

How might declaring those truths reshape your perspective and strengthen your trust in God?

## **PRAYER**

Lord, Thank you that You invite us to come to you honestly - not hiding our pain or hardships but bringing them directly to You in trust. Help us to remember Your character - Your goodness, Your faithfulness, and Your redeeming love - even when our circumstances feel hard. In Your Name we pray, amen.

## **SCRIPTURE**

Romans 5:5

John 20:25-27

Isaiah 7:9

## **QUOTES**

“Hope, like faith and a purpose in life, is medicinal. This is not merely a statement of belief but a conclusion proved by meticulously controlled scientific experiments.”

Dr. Harold G Wolf

“Sing and rejoice you children of the day and of the light. For the Lord is at work in this thick night of darkness that may be felt. Truth does flourish as the rose, the lilies do grow among thorns, the plants atop of the hills, and upon them the lambs do skip and play.”

George Fox