



With Week 7: WITH Hope

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Icebreaker: Share a moment from this past week where you felt a sense of hope or encouragement. What was the situation and how did it impact you?

Group Discussion Questions

1. Reflect on Faith and Control: How do the stories of Jesus calming the storm (Mark 4:35-41) and Peter walking on water (Matthew 14:22-33) illustrate the sermon's theme of faith over fear? What personal storms are you facing where you need to surrender control?
2. Hope in Chaos: The sermon discusses "cosmic hope" and "personal hope." How do you differentiate between these types of hope in your own life?
3. Understanding Hope's Power: How does the concept of hope as a "life-shaping believed-in future" resonate with you? How can this perspective change the way you approach challenges in your daily life?
4. Hope Has a Name: Reflect on the statement "Hope has a name, and that name is Jesus." How does this understanding influence your relationship with God and your approach to life's difficulties?
5. Community and Hope: How can we, as a church community, be distributors of hope to those around us? What practical steps can we take to bring hope to our neighbors and community this week?
6. Personal Application: In what areas of your life do you feel like you're "rowing against the wind"? How can you incorporate the message of hope and faith from the sermon into these situations?
7. Prayer and Reflection: Spend a moment in prayer or silent reflection, asking God to reveal areas in your life where you need to let go and trust Him more. Share any insights or feelings you have with the group.



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Scripture Exploration

- Read Mark 4:35-41. How do the disciples react to the storm, and what does this reveal about their understanding of Jesus?
- Examine Matthew 14:22-33. What does Peter's experience teach us about faith and doubt?
- Consider Ephesians 1:15-23. What does Paul want believers to understand about hope and power?

Personal Reflection

- What do the stories of Jesus calming the storm and walking on water teach us about the nature of faith and fear?
- How does the concept of hope as described in Ephesians 1:15-23 challenge or affirm your current beliefs?
- How might understanding Jesus as the source of hope change your perspective on personal struggles?

Personal Application

- Identify an area in your life where you need to let go of control and trust God more. What practical steps can you take this week to surrender this to Him?
- Think of someone in your community who may be struggling with hopelessness. How can you be a source of hope and encouragement to them this week?
- Reflect on how you can integrate the cosmic and personal aspects of hope into your daily life. What changes might this bring about in your actions and attitudes?