



Christmas at The Cove

Week 2 – Hope For The End Study Guide

Last week we considered hope over the “long haul” and strategies for maintaining that hope. We can have hope for many things, good things even—yet the Bible tells us that our reason for hope is Jesus’ promise to return. If we believe what the Bible says, we know the end of the story and it is overflowing with hope. Remembering that right now isn’t the end of the story brings the kind of hope that can’t be taken away, no matter the circumstance. Life can be barren or beautiful, satisfying or scary, painful or promising. Our lives are shaped by where we place our hope.

1. What do you hope for the end of your life? What do you hope you are remembered for? What do you hope happens?

“...but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.” - 1 John 3:2b (ESV)

2. **Read 1 John 3:2 and Philippians 1:6** What important theme do these verses have in common? Why does this provide hope?

3. **Read Romans 5:3-5.** Where are some areas you have placed your hope that have led to disappointment? According to this passage, what is different about having hope in God?

“And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.”
- 1 John 3:3 (ESV)

4. **Read 1 John 3:2-3.** This week’s message touched on the fact that your actions are determined by where you have your hope. This verse talks about the coming hope of Jesus’ return. If you knew Jesus was coming back this week, what actions would you start or stop doing?

5. Discuss how your group can help you start/stop the actions or steps you described in the previous question. Challenge: As you put these changes into motion, the people around you may start to notice the difference. Use those moments to explain your hope and be sure to **invite everyone** to see and experience this hope at one of our Christmas Eve services!