Questions

1. What's something you hoped for this week? Was that hope fulfilled? Whether or not it was fulfilled, how did you respond?

2. Read 1 Peter 1:3-4 & 3:13-15. What do we know about the circumstances for Peter's readers (cf. 1:1)? Considering their circumstances, why might it seem odd for him to say that hope must be an obvious part of their countenance? How evident is your hope in Christ?

3. If everything else was stripped away, would it be evident that Christ was still your greatest joy and peace? If the people around you were asked what they thought was the source of your greatest joy, who or what might they say?

4. In what way(s) does the criminal on the cross exemplify how an unbeliever should respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ?

5. Consider Jesus forgiving and restoring Peter in John 21. What's one way in which you have experienced the glorious beauty of Christ's forgiveness? Is there someone else who needs the encouragement of your story?

6. What are three practical ways the hope of the resurrection either did affect your life this past week, or could have affected your life? How did you think, speak, or act differently in light of your hope in the resurrection.

Need prayer? Our Prayer Team will be up front by the piano to pray with you after the 1st & 2nd services.

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Engaging with Hope

Various Scriptures

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As followers of Jesus Christ, we have been given "new birth into a living hope" through His resurrection (1 Peter 1:3). That hope is to be so much a part of our lives that Peter told us to "be ready at any time to give… to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15). This morning we'll see four ways that Jesus engaged people with hope, and consider how we do the same.

1. Hope for Empty Cravings (John 4:17-18)

2. **Hope for Empty Hands (Luke 23:39-42)**

3. **Hope for Empty Promises (John 21:15-19)**

4. **Hope from the Empty Tomb (John 11:23-27)**