

HOPE AS AN ANCHOR FOR THE SOUL

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¹³For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, ¹⁴saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." ¹⁵And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. ¹⁶For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for conformation. ¹⁷So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, ¹⁸so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. ¹⁹We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, ²⁰where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

HOPE DEFINED

HOPELESSNESS

Hope _____

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THE POWER OF HOPE

FOR THOUGHT & TALK

Take no more than 5 minutes to quickly review the main points from Pastor Kellan's message. As you discuss the questions, don't expect to answer all of them. Just discuss the ones your group would most like to explore together. Remember, the goal of your small group is to grow together relationally, to **apply** God's Word to our daily living, and to pray for one another and our church.

1. How does the Christian concept of hope differ from the secular concept of hope? How can we best communicate that idea of hope with those that need it most?
2. There were three reasons given to explain why we experience hopelessness. *Hope deferred*, *hope misplaced*, and *hope overwhelmed*. Which one of those three resonates most with you? What else would you add to that list? How do we help to overcome these areas of hopelessness?
3. How can the power of hope have a meaningful impact on your personal life? What about on your friends and family? Your job and co-workers? The city you live in? The world?
4. How has God uniquely equipped you to spread His hope to the world? What are some ways you can encourage each other to use your gifts and talents to share the Gospel?