

# WELLSPRING

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## W O R S H I P C E N T E R

### Advent Part 1 Hope Reflection Questions 11/27/2022

1. What do you think of this definition of **hope**: “an overall optimistic attitude about the future based on the goodness and promises of God”? How is this definition different than general “positive thinking”?
2. Several individuals from the Bible were mentioned in the sermon, because of facing a hopeless situation (Peter, Abraham and Sarah, Job, Mark, Elijah, Samaritan woman, Paul, Joseph). Can you think of any other accounts in the Bible that seemed hopeless?
3. What did you think of this statement: “There are no hopeless situations with God, only people who have lost hope”?
4. Can you relate to being a person of “blockage focused” who tends to focus on problems that block you from living a fulfilled life? Have you been tempted to think that if you didn’t have that one issue, then you could really enjoy life?
5. Why do you think people would rather live a pessimistic life never being disappointed, instead of a hope-filled life, that has occasional disappointment?
6. Romans 15:4 tells us that God recorded Scriptures so that through the Scriptures we might have hope. Does your personal Bible reading tend to be hope-filled? If you feel hopeless after reading a Bible passage, should you reconsider how you understand that passage?

7. What did you think of the analogy of changing the TV channel away from Satan's "hopeless channels" to God's "hope-filled channels"?
8. Did you agree with the statement, "Feelings don't validate what is truth. Feelings only validate what we *believe* to be true"?
9. What did you think of this statement: "Transformation happens when we renew our minds with truths that are higher than what we are feeling and experiencing"?