

# LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

## Hope in Jesus

**Passage:** Psalm 130

**Introduction:** This Advent season, we are diving into the Psalms for Songs for the Savior. Psalm 130 is a lament that points people to the mercy of God as the remedy for their sin. The Lord calls us to deepen our hope in Jesus to grow spiritually and when we do that, He strengthens us for today, steadies us for tomorrow, and satisfies us for eternity.

**Additional passages:** Passages related to hope in Christ:

- Strengthening us for today: Romans 5:1-5, Colossians 3:1-4; Hebrews 12:1-2, 1 John 3:1-3
- Steadying us for tomorrow: Romans 8:24-25, Philippians 3:20-21, Hebrews 6:19-20
- Satisfying us for eternity: Colossians 1:5, Titus 2:11-14, 1 Peter 1:3-7

**Questions:**

1. Strengthens for today: In Christ, you are fully known by God and fully loved by Him as well. How does this truth strengthen you for today? What stands out from the Bible passages above about how God uses deeper hope in Jesus to strengthen us for today?
2. Steadies for tomorrow: What reasons do the verses above give for us to not fear the future? What stood out in my sermon to that end?
3. The obstacle to steady waiting lies with us. It is hard for us to wait steadily because we aren't powerful enough, knowledgeable enough, or consistent enough to be confident about the future on our own.
  - a. In His life, how did Jesus demonstrate that He is powerful enough, knowledgeable enough and consistent enough to never fail you in the future?
  - b. In your life, what are examples of Jesus steadying you through hard circumstances, strengthening your hope for the future?
4. In verse 5, the Psalmist says he waits for the Lord by hoping in His Word. I talked about reading the Word, applying (living) the Word, and sharing the Word as ways to exercise hope in God's Word. What stood out specifically for you in this section?
5. Satisfies for eternity: What do the passages above tell us is true of our eternity? How do these truths help you keep your current sufferings in perspective?
6. What sin do you need to put to death that is hindering your satisfaction in Christ? What helps you foster satisfaction in Christ alone and in serving Him?