

# COMMUNITY GROUP

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

November 29/30, 2025

### WELCOME/ OPENING PRAYER

**PURPOSE:** *We are here as a group to make and multiply disciples.*

### DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

**RELATIONAL WARMUP:** *What interesting or exciting thing happened over Thanksgiving?*

**SET THE STAGE:** *We are now entering a season of Advent, and in the coming weeks we will focus on the classical themes of hope, peace, joy, and love. These are not just Christian virtues, but when we live them out in Christ, they become world-changing realities. May we prepare our hearts for the Christmas season, the celebration of the incarnation of Jesus Christ, and the opportunity to live out the hope of the gospel for a world that desperately needs the saving grace of Jesus Christ.*

**READ THE PASSAGE:** *Romans 8:18-25*

**HEAD QUESTIONS:** In vs. 20, Paul mentions that our world is subjected to futility. What does that mean, and what evidence do you see of it in our world today?  
What does Paul mention in this passage that should bring us great hope?

**HEART QUESTIONS:** What types of things in your life have caused you to give into despair more than to hold on to hope in God?  
If hope is trusting God to fulfill His promises, what type of promise have you been hoping in lately?  
Does the coming Christmas season elicit a sense of hope for you this year, or are you experiencing a different emotion?

**HANDS QUESTIONS:** **BLESS**  
How does living in hope and communicating hope open the door for those who are far from God to hear the gospel?

### TAKEAWAY

### CLOSING PRAYER