

Discussion Guide

Discussion Guides accompany the [weekly message](#).

Opening Question:

Share a Christmas memory that stands out to you—good, bad, funny, or surprising. How did that experience shape the way you think about hope during this season?

Discussion Questions:

CONNECT

1. Reflect on a time when your hopes didn't turn out the way you expected. How did you handle the disappointment?
2. What are some common things people place their hope in during Christmas (or life in general) that often lead to misplaced hope?

EXPLORE

3. Read **Hebrews 10:19-24**. What does this passage teach about the confidence we can have in God's promises?
4. The sermon defines hope as "unwavering trust in God's promises because God does not change." How does this definition differ from how hope is commonly understood?
5. Read **Malachi 3:6** and **Hebrews 6:19**. What assurance do these verses give about God's unchanging nature and the reliability of His promises?
6. Isaiah 9:6-7 describes Jesus with titles like "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." How does each title reflect the hope we have in Him?

APPLY

7. What does it mean to "anchor your hope in God's promises"? How does this practically look in your daily life, especially during the Christmas season?
8. The sermon mentioned several promises of God (e.g., **Revelation 21:4, John 16:33, Deuteronomy 31:8**). Which of these promises speaks to your current season, and why?
9. How can trusting God's promises help us navigate times of despair or loss, especially during the holidays?
10. What steps can you take this week to realign your hope from temporary things to God's eternal promises?

Closing Activity:

End your group time by reading the promises from the sermon (e.g., **Revelation 21:4, John 16:33, Romans 8:28**) aloud and thanking God for His faithfulness. Pray for specific needs in your group and for everyone to grow in trusting God's unchanging promises.

