



Sermon Discussion Guide – “Hope Like Jesus”

Sermon in a sentence: Biblical hope is confident expectation not wishful thinking.

1. When you hear the word “hope,” what definition normally comes to mind—and how is biblical hope different from wishful thinking?
2. Which part of the “Fire Swamp” illustration connected most with your current season of life? (In the message the classic movie “*The Princess Bride*” is used symbolically)
 - Fire bursts?
 - Quick or lightning sand?
 - ROUS’s showing up unexpectedly? (rodents of unusual size)
3. Romans 5 says suffering produces perseverance. Looking back, can you identify a difficult season that actually strengthened your faith or endurance?
4. The Greek word *ginosko* describes deep transformational knowing. What is something you now “know that you know that you know” about God because of what you’ve walked through?
5. Romans 5:5 says “hope does not disappoint us.” How does “ginosko knowing” keep our hearts open to the love God pours into our hearts?