



Hope Does Not Disappoint: The Power of Hope

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Note to Leaders: Every group is different, so we are providing a summary study with additional discussion questions in the Going Deeper section. Please choose the questions that relate best to your particular group.

Follow up from last week: Last week we concluded the series on improving our worship practices with the community aspects of communion (1 Corinthians 11:23-26, 33). What new insights into worship did you gain from the series?

Connect

1. This week we start a new series on hope – how was your faith in Jesus strengthened by the services and message?
2. What is your biggest hope for 2019 and what gives you reason to hope for it?

Engage

Read 1 Corinthians 15: 1-10.

- What basics of our salvation were foretold in the Old Testament (“according to the scriptures”)?
- How did Jesus fulfill these basics?
- How do we know these events actually happened to Jesus?
- The writer of Hebrews defines the relationship between faith and biblical hope as “Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see” (Hebrews 11:1). How is our hope in these events critical to our salvation?

Apply

1. Why does it matter that the Gospel (the good news of Jesus Christ) is based on historical events, fulfills ancient prophecies, and has eternal significance?
2. Where is your future confidence based (1 Timothy 6:17)?
3. What, if anything, stops you from fully trusting in these historical events that make salvation available to us all?

Pray

As you close this time with prayer, you are invited to stand up and declare (or re-affirm) with your physical body the intent of your eternal being. The group is welcome to pray this prayer aloud:

God, I confess my sin, my mess-ups, my need for you. I ask you to forgive my sins and give me a fresh start. I declare my decision to make Jesus my friend and leader and guide from this day forward, as you help me. This day, I take my stand for you. Amen.

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Going Deeper

Celebrate Easter with us

See [Easter](#) for locations and service times

Learning Opportunity

If you have questions about the historical facts underpinning our faith, [Alpha](#) is a great place to find answers.

Join our community of believers via [Starting Point](#) and find a home and a nurturing family in a [Life Group](#)

Serving Opportunity

Easter is a great opportunity to start serving your community – visit menlo.church/connect/serve for ideas and opportunities

Next step?

Our hope is that you'll connect with Menlo Church in a meaningful way, finding community. Check out some options at menlo.church/connect/next-steps

