

Series: Advent: Return of the King

Title: Our Eternal Hope

Text: Luke 2:22-32

Accountability: Share about any ways you applied lessons from the previous week/meeting.

Conversation Starter:

When you think about the word 'hope', what is the first thing that comes to mind?

Synopsis: Before Christ's first advent (advent meaning arrival), the people of God waited in anticipation for their deliverer. Simeon was promised that he would see the Messiah before he died and this was fulfilled in Luke 2:22-32. Today, God's people eagerly await His second coming. Biblical hope is unchanging and is not rooted in circumstance, rather, it is rooted in the work of Christ.

Dig: Read the various texts above

1. Simeon followed God's prompting through the Holy Spirit faithfully. In what ways are you being attentive to the Holy Spirit today?
2. Our hope is rooted in the death and resurrection of Christ, because Christ ultimately saved us from death so that we can have a personal relationship with God. How does this bring you hope?
3. It can be very difficult to hold onto hope when we go through difficult circumstances. How do you press on and find hope in Christ even when things are very difficult?
4. Have you ever doubted the hope that is promised through Scripture? If so, how did you overcome your doubt?
5. What does it look like to share the hope of Christ with others? Is there someone specific in mind?

Application:

1. Set intentional time aside this week to meditate and thank God for the hope given to us through Christ.