



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Title: Something To Hope In

Date: September 27, 2020

Scripture: Romans 8:18-38

Use the questions below to discuss this week's teaching with others in your household, group, or circle of friends. Help each other see and follow Jesus. Take time to pray for one another.

Discussion Questions:

1. One definition of hope is “a person or thing in which our expectations are centered.” With that in mind, in whom or what do you frequently hope? In what kinds of things or people do you see others you know placing their expectations?
2. Read Romans 8:26-30. What phrases or concepts in this passage bring about hope within you?
3. Romans 8:33-39. Paul provides a long list of circumstances, culminating with “nor anything else in all creation” that shall separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. If you were to write your own list of circumstances, powers, or feelings that will not separate you from the love of God, what would be on that list?
4. Take a moment to pray this prayer to yourself, filling in the blank.
*God, I'm tempted to put my hope in _____, yet I want you to be my hope.
Jesus, help me put my hope in you and trust that you've still got this.*

Family Discussion Questions:

1. As a family read Genesis 2:5-8. What was the world like when God first made it?
2. Read Romans 8:20-22. This passage talks about the world being “corrupted” by sin. To corrupt something is to take something good and ruin it. It's like if you spent a lot of time painting a picture and someone comes by and spills something on your artwork. It would look similar to what you made, but be ruined. This part of the Bible helps us understand why bad things happen in the world. God is still in control, but we see that the world is not as it ought to be.
3. Read Romans 8:26-30 together. Pick out a few ways that God helps people who follow Jesus when they face difficult situations.
4. Spend a few moments and pray that God would help you to have hope in him.