

Discussion Review
Sermon Series Hope Has a Name: Hope & A Future
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- Share any stories you may have about people who have struggled with a lack of hope.
- What are some ways that you have struggled with a lack of hope during this time?

Read Jeremiah 29:11

Three Questions to Ask Yourself that will Impact that Hope and Future

1. Am I Ready?

- Tell us about a discussion you have had with someone about being ready for eternity.
- What are some events in history that have caused people to think the world is ending?
- The Bible speaks of several possibilities that will happen to us as we transition from life on earth. What are those possible scenarios?

Read Hebrews 9:27.

- What does this verse tell us about being ready?

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17.

- Why is Paul telling the Thessalonians they need to be ready?
- How can we be prepared to leave this world whether through death or rapture?
- What criteria does the Bible speak of regarding our preparation?
- How is my preparation part of the Hope and Future that God desires for me?
- In what way has God provided for my Hope and Future?

2. Am I Persuading Others?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:10-11a.

- Why is it important that we are persuading others of God's plans of a Hope and Future?
- Share an experience you have had trying to persuade others of this Hope and Future.
- How did that person's response to your persuasion impact you?
- Why don't we look closer for opportunities to persuade others of God's Hope and Future?

Read 1 Peter 3:15.

- How should our attempts to persuade others be characterized and why?
- What is the eternal result if someone should reject God's plan for Hope and a Future?
- What is the eternal result if someone should accept God's plan for Hope and Future?

3. Am I Doing the Little Things?

Review the parable of the talents from Matthew 25.

Read Matthew 25:23.

- What happens to the servants who use their talents/money to earn more?
- What happens to the servant who does not invest their talent to produce more?
- What are the little things that Jesus is talking about here?

Read Matthew 25:34-36, 40.

- Share examples of how we can do “little things” even during this time of isolation.

Read Matthew 10:42.

- What difference does it make in regard to God’s Hope and Future for our lives when we seek to do the little things?

Prayer Focus

- Pray for the readiness of those around us (that they will accept God’s Hope and Future)
- Ask God for opportunities to persuade others to receive His Hope/Future for their lives
- Ask God for ideas concerning the little things we can do that will make a difference in light of eternity