

God Is

- HOPE -

Ice-Breaker:

Share a time in your life when you felt utterly hopeless. How did you respond and how did things turn out in the end?

Discussion:

1. Read Romans 15:13; Psalm 52:9.
 - Why is hope so essential in life?
 - What does it mean to *"hope in God's Name"*?
2. Read Isaiah 41:10; Psalm 32:8. *God's Presence is Watching Over Me.*
 - How does knowing God is with you and watching over you bring you hope and comfort in life?
 - How might you remind yourself of God's presence on a regular basis?
3. Read Romans 8:28. *God's Purpose is Working In Me.*
 - How does the word *"know"* in this verse give you hope?
 - What does the phrase *"God causes"* mean?
 - This verse does not say that "all things are good" or that "God causes all things." Why is that important to understand?
 - How does the phrase *"work together for good"* make sense of this passage?
 - Who is this promise given to?
4. Read John 14:1-2; Revelation 21:4; I Corinthians 15:51-52. *God's Place is Waiting For Me.*
 - How does focusing on your future home in heaven give you hope here on earth?
 - What are you most looking forward to about heaven?

Application:

Read Isaiah 40:31 and think about an area in your life where you feel hopeless. Give that feeling of hopelessness over to God in prayer and reflect upon the 3 main sources of hope:

- *God's Presence is Watching Over Me.*
- *God's Purpose is Working In Me.*
- *God's Place is Waiting For Me.*