

Message 4 J.C. Thompson December 27, 2020

Hope

Outline

This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls.

Hebrews 6:19a (NLT)

Biblical hope has...

1. Proper _____. (Hebrews 6:18a. C/R: Romans 15:12; Colossians 2:17) 2. Positive _____. (Hebrews 6:18b. C/R: Acts 15:19; 1 John 3:3)

3. A perfect _____. (Hebrews 6:19a. C/R: Romans 4:18; Ephesians 2:12)

Answers: 1. focus 2. fruit 3. foundation

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Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit <u>brookwoodchurch.org/adults</u>.

Conversation Starter

What do you hope happens in 2021?

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Ask God to help you experience His love and hear His voice as you reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read <u>Hebrews 6:13-20</u>.

- 1. What do you learn about God in this passage?
- 2. What steps did Abraham take to receive what God promised?
- 3. Why is it significant that it is impossible for God to lie?
- 4. What results can we experience when we put our trust in God?
- 5. What causes (or would cause) you to have confidence in what God has promised you?
- 6. What promise of God do you see in this passage?
- 7. What hinders you from placing your hope in Jesus?
- 8. What promise from God gives you hope? Or, what promise do you need from God in order to have hope?

Spiritual Practice

Spiritual Practices help us experience the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. They're meant to be more than one-time actions, becoming a natural part of our lives.

Read <u>Psalm 62</u> and ask God to show you reasons to trust Him. Thank God for each reason He puts in your mind to trust Him.

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

 Day 1:
 Romans 15:8-13
 Day 4:
 Romans 4:18-25

 Day 2:
 Ephesians 2:11-13
 Day 5:
 Psalm 62:1-8

 Day 3:
 1 John 3:1-3
 Day 5:
 Psalm 62:1-8

Prepare for Next Sunday

Sunday, January 3, we'll begin a new series called *Freedom* with a message on being **Free from Sin**. To prepare, read <u>Galatians 5:1-13</u>.



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