
PRAYER RESPONSE

1. God, we praise you because You are sovereign.
2. God, thank you for giving us hope!
3. God, show us the main thing you want to do in our hearts based on this study.
4. Group prayer requests. (Pray for previous meeting requests and list new ones below).



Hope
Various Scripture

Pastor Shawn Peterson
February 9, 2020

What is hope?

What is the God-created power of hope?

What is the Biblical truth regarding hope?

What difference does it make?

We are excited to offer several international and domestic trips this year. To see how you pray, send, or go, stop by the Lobby today.

Join our next adult Baptism + New Members Class on **Sunday, February 16, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Sign up online.



Personal Study

(These responses do not have to be shared with your G2.)

Whatever your G2 does, don't miss these G2Qs! The elders are leading us to focus on hope this year, praying individually and together for those things God has laid on our hearts to hope for ourselves and our church. This week it is especially important for participants to complete the questions ahead of time. Then, take time to go through these questions together. We hope this is a life-changing exercise!

*Prior to your G2 meeting, journal your responses to these questions on a separate space or in the FBC app. As you complete each question, write out a specific hope for this year on the insert from the G2Qs, also available in the app.

1. Read 1 Peter 1:13. Meditate on the truth that one day Jesus will return. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to change your 2020 hopes in light of that truth?
2. Read Romans 15:4-6. Think about a relationship with another Christian that is difficult for you. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to approach that relationship differently knowing He can bring harmony?
3. Read Hebrews 4:15-16. How does this passage give you confidence in forgiveness? Where have you been lacking that confidence? Spend some time unburdening your heart in confession.
4. Read Jeremiah 29:10-11. How is your confident hope in God's plan for you shaping your life today? How does that impact the way you view your current circumstances?
5. Read Ephesians 3:20. Think of a way that you have been limiting what you believe God can do? How is the Holy Spirit leading you to expand your hope?
6. Read Malachi 3:10. Ask the Holy Spirit how you should give above and beyond. Write down what He tells you.
7. Read Romans 8:28. Think about a current personal weakness or difficulty. How does this passage reframe your view of the situation?
8. Write down anything else from Scripture the Holy Spirit is calling you to hope for this year.
9. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you which verse to begin meditating on regularly. Circle that verse on the handout.



Growth Group Preparation Questions

For the week of February 9, 2020

CONNECT

What is your favorite movie quote about hope?

PRAY

Father, give us hope centered in You.

DISCUSSION

1. Reflect on this week's sermon. Was anything particularly impactful for you?
2. Reflect on the personal study time. Share any meaningful revelations you experienced during this time.
3. Each person in the group, choose one hope focus from your personal study time. How did Scripture change the way you view that part of your life?
4. Talk about the obstacles currently in your way or that you anticipate may come up as you trust God in pursuing your hopes.
5. Share how you would like others in your G2 to help both in prayer and action.
6. Think about your personal study time. How might your responses there apply to our church?