

THE ADVENT OF HOPE

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HOPE is predicated upon a _____

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; HE will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Genesis 3:15 NIV

The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until HE comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his. **Genesis 49:10 NIV**

“Your house and kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.” **2 Samuel 7:16 NIV**

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord—and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.
Isaiah 11:1-3a NIV

But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.” **Luke 1:30-33 NIV**

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” **Matthew 4:17 NIV**

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. **Matthew 25:31 NIV**

So when they met together, they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” **Acts 1:6 NIV**

HOPE encourages _____

HOPE inspires _____

...you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. 1 Peter 3:15 NLT

HOPE _____ US

This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. Hebrews 6:19a NLT

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"

Revelation 21:3-5a NIV

QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS //

- *As a kid, was there a gift you can really remember hoping for? Did you get it? What was your reaction?*
- *Hope is predicated upon a promise. Read Genesis 3:15. What's the promise?*
- *Do you live in a constant state of hope for Jesus' return? Why or why not?*
- *Why do you think people of hope are also people of action?*
- *Hope anchors us. What are things you've anchored your hope to? What are you anchored to right now?*
- *Is there anyone who comes to mind who could use some hope right now? How could you serve them?*