

Discussion Guide for Hope is Not Hype

1. Read Romans 8:22-25 and briefly review the sermon outline.

What parts of Sunday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear or troubling?

2. Truth: Our hope in the future is solidly built on God's unfailing promises. He has given us His word so that we can understand His plan and promises and have confident hope today.

Read 1 Peter 1:3-5

What are the plans or promises for which we confidently wait?

Which of these are promises for the present?

Which of these are promises for the future?

How do these future promises give you present stability?

Read 1 Peter 1:6-9

What is the likelihood of present trials for the Christian?

Share a present trial that you are going through right now.

How does the "little while" idea of 1:6 give you perspective on your present trials?

How does God use trials in 1:7? How have you experienced this?

How does our faith in trials resulting in "praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ" encourage you to persevere?