

A@5 Bible Study: Hope (Week 2)



Getting started:

1. Do you think your life in the present is shaped more by your past or your future?
2. How do you see your role and place in current society?
Are you like a homeless person, an exile, a tourist, a cleaner, a builder, a worker?

Getting into Scripture:

3. In what ways is the future God is making *different from* the present?
How does this affect you in the present?

Consider
Isaiah 2:1–4
Isaiah 25:6–8
Isaiah 65:17–25
Romans 8:18–25
2 Peter 3:3–15

4. In what ways is the future God is making *continuous with or similar to* the present?
How does this affect you in the present?

Consider the same Bible passages as in Q3.

5. Try to imagine the history of the planet earth from creation to new creation.
What different ideas can you see in the Bible?
How might these different ideas affect us?

Getting practical:

6. Think about our sermons in the book of Revelation and the challenge to live as *people of resistance* and *agents of hope*.
Think about the two weeks of talks on hope.

Choose one of the following and talk about how you want to be a person of hope in that area:

family, friends,
money, work,
evangelism, earth care, justice