

Life Group Discussion Guide: The Hope of God

Scripture Focus: Jeremiah 30–33

Ice Breakers: Getting Started

- What is something you own that was once broken but has been beautifully restored?
 - If you were given a blank check and a plot of land to build your "dream home," what is the first room you would design?
 - What is a "win" or a celebration from your week that gave you a glimpse of hope?
 - When you think of the word "healing," do you think more about physical health or emotional/spiritual peace?
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UP: Knowing Jesus Intimately

Focus: Our vertical relationship with God and growing in it together.

1. In Jeremiah 31:3, God says, "I have loved you with an everlasting love." How does the "everlasting" nature of God's love change how you approach Him when you feel you've failed?
 2. God promises a New Covenant where His law is written on our hearts (31:33). What has this revealed about how Jesus has changed your internal desires rather than just your external behavior?
 3. What is something you're pretty sure God has asked you to do regarding a "heart change" He's working on, yet it still needs to be done?
 4. What's a small step you can take towards resting in God's "everlasting love" this week?
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IN: Being Known Authentically

Focus: Intentional friendships and "doing life" together as communal beings.

1. Jeremiah 30:17 says, "I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal." What is something currently heavy on your heart—a "wound"—that you would like the group to pray over?
 2. God designed us for friendship. How can we as a group better support those among us who are currently in a "season of ruins," waiting for restoration?
 3. What is a "win" or celebration in your spiritual growth that the group can rejoice in with you?
 4. How can we pray for the families and relationships within our group to reflect the peace and joy promised in these chapters?
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OUT: Making Jesus Known Practically

Focus: Consistently looking out to neighbors and friends to make the "rubber hit the road".

1. God says the restored city will be a "name of joy, a praise and a glory before all the nations" (33:9). How can our life group be a "name of joy" to our neighborhood this week?
2. Who is someone the Lord brings to mind—perhaps a neighbor or co-worker—who feels like their life is "beyond repair"?
3. How might you get to know the needs of your neighbors so you can practically show them the "hope of God" through acts of service?
4. Assuming you had the skills, how would you describe the "New Covenant" (God changing us from the inside out) to a friend who is tired of "trying to be a good person"?
5. We are called to "make disciples of all nations". How can we practically live out the hope of Jeremiah 31 in our workplaces this week?

LEADER NOTE:

The "out" section for these notes has a lot to do with us doing acts of service in our community that will build bridges to eventually share the Hope of Jesus. As a group, please consider how you might be able to serve during Neighbor Day, as we try to accomplish that same mission as the larger church. Reach out to Lauren Boone or Adam Mashni to see places that still need volunteers.