



ADVENT | THE GIFT OF HOPE

1. Our current series is Advent. The focus is hope. Take a minute to read the verse from Sunday together—John 1:29.
 - A. What did this week's sermon tell me about God?
His plan, character, etc.
 - B. How did this week's sermon point me to Jesus?
His person, work, etc.
 - C. What did it have to say about me?
Something I'm doing, believing, etc.
 - D. Is there something I need to do about it?
Prayer request, accountability, action step?

2. As we continue to focus on the theme of hope for this series, let's talk about where our hope truly lies.
 - A. What is it about Christ offering forgiveness that first gave you hope?
 - B. How do your present realities or the concerns of the day interrupt your ability to hope?
 - C. What does it look like for us, as believers, to offer forgiveness to others the same way that Christ has offered us forgiveness?
 - D. How do we demonstrate the hope that we've received? What areas of your life need to change to better reflect Christ?

3. Take some time as you wrap up your group to pray for those in our community or congregation you may know that need hope.
 - A. Pray specifically for those who are going through a difficult season. Ask God to be near them and that they would understand His forgiveness fully.
 - B. Pray for those you may know that have never experienced God's forgiveness of sin. Ask the Lord to save them. Ask the Lord to give you an opportunity to care for them, speak truth to them, and invite them into grace.