

“Abounding in Hope”

A People of Hope - Romans 15:13

Discussion Questions

- **Ice Breaker:**
 - What were some of your family’s Christmas traditions as a child?
 - How do you normally approach the holiday season? Excitement? Stress? Sadness?
- **Read Romans 15:13**
 - Why is it significant that Paul calls God “the God of hope”?
 - What does hope mean culturally vs. biblically?
 - According to the passage, what does God fill us with?
 - How is belief connected to joy and peace in the passage?
 - What is joy and peace?
 - Where do you normally seek joy and peace?
 - How is the “joy and peace in believing” better than the places we often turn to find joy and peace?
 - What does it mean to abound in hope? How would that look like in your life?
 - According to the passage, how do you abound in hope?
- **Application & Reflection**
 - Which of the gospel identities (citizen, family, missionary) does this message most intersect?
 - What can you do to be filled with joy and peace, and thus abound in hope, during this Christmas season?
 - What truths do you need to remind yourself of?
 - How can this group help you grow?