<u>Group Questions – Revelation 10 – Hope in the Dark</u>

LEADERS NOTE We will start with a bit of a negative outlook, but it will work itself into a positive outlook by the end of the discussion.

Share something in today's world, or your current personal life, that is upsetting or depressing to you personally.

What do you think is the deepest cause of things that upset us or depress us?

Share something in our world that reveals God's goodness to ALL humanity.

Have you ever helped someone, but they didn't appreciate it?

Why do you think people refuse to appreciate God's goodness in our world?

Pastor Nate shared the example of a car that self-corrects.

How do you think God is keeping humanity "in the lane" right now?

Read – Revelation 10:1-11

This angel, standing on the land and sea, shows God's control over the whole earth.

Why do you think it is important for us to know that God is in control at this point of future history?

How is it possible for bad things to happen even when God is in control?

Why are bad things happening during the tribulation?

Describe the process of cleaning your house... what are the steps necessary?

How can cleaning house relate to God preparing the earth for His kingdom?

Read - Daniel 12:1

This prophecy mentions a time of GREAT TROUBLE... AND... a time of DELIVERANCE.

How is it possible for us to experience DELIVERANCE even in the midst of a time of GREAT TROUBLE?

What part of running a marathon do you think would be the most difficult?

What part of running a marathon do you think would be the best?

What other things in life are the most difficult just before they are the best?

If you looked at the world in these days, it would seem everything is getting worse and worse. However, things are about to become the best they have ever been!

How can this truth help us when we feel like things in our lives are just getting worse and worse?

In your own words, define the word HOPE.

When you lack hope, what are some things that give you hope?

Read – Romans 5:3-5

What do these verses tell us regarding how we arrive at HOPE?

Since this is the way we get hope, how should we view TRIALS in life?

<u>Read</u> – Romans 8:18-25

How do these verses encourage you regarding having hope?

<u>Read</u> – Acts 27:20

What caused these people to give up hope?

How can "storms" in our lives cause us to give up hope?

What is one thing you plan on taking away from this discussion that will help you cling to the hope that does not disappoint?