

Small Group Discussion Questions Following the Weekend of May 18-19, 2019

Please don't feel you have to answer every question.

Experience Hope

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Icebreaker

Knowing what you know now, what advice would you give to your eighteen-year-old self?

How do you think your life would be different if you actually heeded this advice back then?

Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud Ephesians 3:20-21 a couple of times, in different Bible translations if possible. What strikes you or intrigues you the most from these verses ... words, phrases, concepts, or other things?

What stood out to you the most from this weekend's message on these verses by Pastor Alan, or what specific things did you take away from the message?

How would you summarize the main point of this weekend's message in one sentence?

Has there ever been a situation you've faced -- or are facing now -- where you've felt hopeless?

Describe what it was/is like for you?

How was/is your perception of God affected by this situation?

How do the following four things help us experience hope, no matter what we're going through? (Spend some time unpacking and discussing each one separately)

- Looking up to God
to Him be glory ... able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine (verses 20-21)
- Looking within
according to his power that is at work within us (verse 20)
- Looking around
to him be glory in the church (verse 21)
- Looking ahead
to him be glory ... in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever (verse 21)

With which of these do you struggle the most when you're going through a seemingly hopeless situation?

What's a practical next step for you in embracing the hope that is yours in Christ? How can your group be praying for you and supporting you in making this a reality in your life?

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