

Jesus is bigger than any other hope

SMALL GROUP NOTES

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Outline

On Sunday Tom looked at the critical issue of hope. Where we put our hope will either be the making of us, or our undoing. For the Jewish Christians were in danger of putting their hope in an old place, the priesthood and the Jewish culture that they are going out with. We too can be in danger of putting our hope in a multitude of other equivalent places. But if we do this, that which we hoping is then able to cause hurt as it inevitably disappoints. Only Jesus is our sure hope. In two ways we saw that Jesus is a better hope. He is:

1. Permanent (in contrast to the changing places we put our hope)
2. Perfect (in contrast to the flawed places we put out hope).

Read Ch 7 v18-19, 23-28

Questions for discussion

1. Where can you place your hope in outside of Jesus and have you ever experience any sort of hurt because of it?
2. How does the permanent hope of Jesus understanding he is always here for you demonstrated at the cross help you overcome the temptation to hope in others things?
3. What can we do to allow ourselves to know and hope in the perfection of Jesus alongside be freed from putting wrong expectations of perfection on others or ourselves?