



## **Searching for Christmas - Hope**

**Which is more fun for you and why: Searching for the perfect Christmas present for someone else or getting the perfect gift from someone else?**

**When you think about the scope of God's Rescue Story, what one thing gives you the greatest hope?**

**What is your greatest question? Do your questions over power your hope?**

**Read: Malachi 4:5-6**

**This prophecy concerning John the Baptist reveals another great promise of God. That He will “turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”**

**What makes this promise part of the “Good News”? How does/has God began doing this in your life?**

**Read: Psalm 33:20-22**

**Perhaps the simplest and most practical definition of hope is to trust while we wait. How do you do that? Where do you struggle and/or find success in doing this?**

**Read: Psalm 119:49-50, Ephesians 6:13, Lamentations 3:40, John 14:1-3, Romans 8:24-25**

**What do you do when God goes silent? How do you put these things into practice?**

- Remember what He has said before.**
- Stand your ground on His promises.**
- Examine your heart.**
- Choose to trust, choose to hope, choose to rise above.**

**For many people this season seems hopeless because of loss, grief, or life's circumstances that seem to leave them disappointed, hurt, or just empty. How can we as a group work to bring hope into the lives of others this Christmas season?**