Hope GROUPS
GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

"Seek First the Kingdom"
HOPE GROUP STUDY - Week of November 1, 2026

1 Let's Recap from last week!

Did anyone memorize this week's memory verse? Say the verse if you know it! *ICEBREAKER: If someone gave you citizenship in a brand-new country, what would you want to know about your new home?* After everyone shares, pray for your group time.

2 Let's Review the Message

When we come to Christ, everything changes. We are no longer strangers, foreigners, or outsiders. Eph. 2:18–20 tells us that through Jesus we have access to the Father by one Spirit. We are now fellow citizens with God's people and members of His household. We don't have to approach God like beggars hoping to be accepted.

We come confidently as sons and daughters who have already been welcomed through Jesus. We have a new identity in Christ. We are no longer defined by our old life, but by who He says we are. But our citizenship comes with responsibility. According to 2 Corinthians 5:20, we are ambassadors for Christ. Our citizenship is in heaven, but our assignment is here on earth. We are called to represent the heart, values, truth, and authority of our King.

3 Let's Read the Word

Ephesians 2:18-20; James 1:18; 2 Corinthians 5:20; Ephesians 6:20; Genesis 28:10-17

4 Let's Think

- What does it mean that we are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with God's people?
- What is an ambassador, and what responsibility does an ambassador have?
- What does it mean to represent Christ rather than simply express our own opinions?

5 Let's Share

- Have you ever found yourself living like a spiritual outsider instead of a son or daughter of God? What did that look like?
- When people look at your life, what kind of picture of Jesus are they seeing?
- What do you think our community needs most from a church that is truly building the Kingdom of God?

6 Let's Do the Word

- Are you allowing the opinions, pressures, and values of this world to shape your thinking more than the truth of God's Kingdom?
- What would change in your conversations, relationships, workplace, or home if you consciously lived as an ambassador for Christ?
- How can you help create a church environment where people experience God's presence, healing, deliverance, hope, and restoration?

7 Let's Grow

- For the next seven days, intentionally live with the awareness that you are a citizen of heaven and an ambassador for Christ: 1) Remember who you are 2) Represent the King 3) Build the House
- **Be ready to share with the group:** What changed when you became more aware of your Kingdom identity?

8 Let's Pray

- Pray Help us understand our identity and teach us to think, speak, and represent God's heart like Kingdom citizens, in all we do.
- Pray together over any requests.

Coming Up at Hope
Nov 4 - Night of Worship
Nov 14 - Men's Impact
Nov 17 - Hope Sisterhood / Hands of Hope
Nov 21 - Giving Thanksgiving