

Sermon Guide



“The Future: A War for Hope”

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“Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 1:13

1. Rick talked about the watershed moments where we begin to win the war for hope or start to lose hope. If you think about your life right now, how would you describe your war for hope?
2. 1 Peter calls us to be “sober-minded.” Rick gave us a helpful way to assess if we live as sober-minded people. We can be reactive to our circumstances or remember God— who He is, His promises, and His steadfast commitment to us. What is an area of your life do you struggle with reactivity as opposed to remembering God?
3. Rick shared two common forms of reactivity: control and compliance. With control, we seek to solve the problems and people in our life without seeking or remembering God. With compliance, we need to be approved of by others, and we tend to make decisions based on approval rather than in confidence as children God. Which one do you identify with? How so?

Prayer Prompt: What way do you need to “remember God” in your life? Pray for one another.

Take Your Next Step of Faith. What is one step of faith you can focus on this week?