

# Sermon Guide



## **"We Wait in Hope: A Strange Beauty"** **December 11th, 2022**

"...the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD's, and He will give you into our hand."

### **Samuel 1 and 2**

- 1. Rick said that as we walk through winter seasons, we must remember that spring is coming. Similarly in our spiritual lives, we wait for the Spring of Jesus' return.** As you reflect on your current season, what areas of your life do you long for Jesus to restore?
- 2. Read Psalm 39 verse 4 and 5. In these verses, David describes life as "fleeting."** Does your life reflect that reality? If not, how might you grow to use your time wisely?
- 3. 1 Samuel 15:19 describes Saul as being "small in his own eyes." Rick described the insecurity and self-obsession we all experience because of our need to gain personal glory.** Do you relate to that? In what ways?
- 4. Scripture tells us that God looks at the heart rather than the outward appearance. In the battle for hope, we must be a people that continually turn to Him.** What daily rhythms or practices help you cultivate true hope in Him?

**We often talk about taking your next step of faith with Jesus.** As you reflect on this week's teaching, what is the next step of faith you'll commit to?