



PURE WEEK 4: HOPE

“We have hope because in Christ, we don’t have to depend on the corrupt systems of man to be saved. He alone reconciles us to God. He alone gives us power to live today. He alone gives us hope for tomorrow.”

- Dr. George O. Wood

BIG IDEA: Even though it may seem like we can’t hear God or feel God, we are never without hope. God NEVER leaves us hopeless.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you ever find yourself wishing someone would “be quiet?” What if they did? What if everyone shut up. Could you handle the silence?
2. How hopeless would you feel if you lived in a world of silence?
3. During the message, Carlo said, “*Everyday we walk past people who feel this sense of hopelessness. They feel like no one cares, no one hears, or no one is willing to do anything to help them.*” Respond to that statement. Do you agree? Why or why not? □
4. *With your Bible or the Bible App, read Malachi 4:1-3.* What does specific things does God promise His people in this verse?
5. *With your Bible or the Bible App, read Romans 8:35-37.* How do we reconcile the reality of judgement with the promise of hope? What does this verse teach us about hope versus judgement?
6. Think about all of the times that you’ve felt hopeless. What caused you to focus on the negative? What could those situations have been like if you focused on God’s promises instead?
7. What is one step you can take today to remember *hope*? What is one step you can take today to share *hope* with others?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Will you choose to turn to God’s word and God’s people when you feel hopeless? Will you choose to be an encourager in world full of hopelessness?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

“But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings.”

Malachi 4:2a