Looking for a Group to connect and dive deeper in your relationship with God and others? Contact Community Pastor, Beth Yokley, at <u>byokley@myhope.church</u>.

Community Group Questions:

Make It Count: Week Two Lev 23:23-32, Neh 8:1-12, Mt 24

- Are you currently in a season of transition (like the Hebrew's Feast of Trumpets)? What season is currently ending for you? Discuss the feelings associated with it. What season is beginning? What feelings does that evoke for you?
- 2. Are you currently trying to make a transition decision? If so which one? If you like, share a moment when you have made a decision in each one of these areas.
 - a. Saving grace (starting over)
 - b. Challenging grace (stepping up)
 - c. Keeping grace (keeping steady)
- 3. Eugene Peterson calls "Keeping Grace" a "Long obedience in the same direction." Many of our spiritual practices, like the Examen (what we've been doing with the bullet journal) are tools for this long obedience. As you think about maintaining that long obedience with Christ, what other practices have been most helpful for you? If you haven't tried any yet, as you listen to others, what appeals to you to try? Share with the group.
- 4. Read Matthew 24:42-51. How do you feel you can keep watch as Jesus tells you to? What areas do you feel a hardened heart has kept you from keeping watch and being prepared?
- 5. If you have used the bullet journal this week, share with the group any awareness you had as a result of this reflective practice.