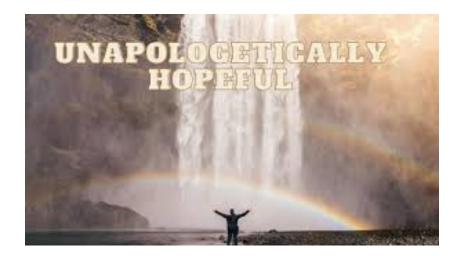


Connect Group Guide: "Unapologetically Hopeful"



Passage: John 16:33, Romans 15:13, Exodus 6:6-8, Numbers 13:26-33, 1 Peter 3:15

Sermon Link: Dunapologetically Hopeful

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

• If you do anything right now (no limits), what would you do?

Worship:

(May choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)

• Link: • Make Room (Lyrics) - Community Music

Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)

Before reading the scripture:

• How would you describe hope?



Read: John 16:33, Romans 15:13

- Jesus does not deny that there will be troubles in life, but what is the promise He makes despite these challenges?
- How does the knowledge that Jesus has 'already overcome the world' help us to not lose heart?
- Why does trust in God allow us to overflow with hope

Read: Exodus 6:6-8, Numbers 26-33

- Why do you think the Isrealites doubted God's power and ability to bring them into the promised land?
- In what way does listening to the voice of despair steal hope?
- Why do you think Caleb and Joshua remained hopeful in their trust in God while the others did not?

Read: 1 Peter 3:15

- Why do you think God blesses us with a hope that overflows when we trust in Him?
- In what way does the hope in us evoke questions in others?

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- How have you allowed despair to steal your hope?
- In what way do you find hope through trust in God?
- How can you share the hope that you have with those around you?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

• Pray and thank God that in Him we may have peace despite the troubles we face in this world. Pray also for one another to overflow in hope and to share that hope with others.