MULTIPLY HOPE Deuteronomy 10:12-21 (NLT)

The Truth of Today:

• God wants to bring <u>HOPE</u> to a <u>HOPELESS</u> world through the church.

And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? He requires only that you fear the Lord your God, and live in a way that pleases him, and love him and serve him with all your heart and soul.¹³And you must always obey the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good. ¹⁴"Look, the highest heavens and the earth and everything in it all belong to the Lord your God. ¹⁵Yet the Lord chose your ancestors as the objects of his love. And he chose you, their descendants, above all other nations, as is evident today. ¹⁶Therefore, change your hearts and stop being stubborn."

Deuteronomy 10:12-16 (NLT)

"For the Lord your God is the God of gods and Lord of lords. He is the great God, the mighty and awesome God, who shows no partiality and cannot be bribed. ¹⁸He ensures that orphans and widows receive justice. He shows love to the foreigners living among you and gives them food and clothing."

Deuteronomy 10:17-18 (NLT)

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4:9-10 (NIV)

O Lord, you alone are my hope. I've trusted you, O Lord, from childhood.

Psalm 71:5 (NLT)

Remember that there was a time when you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

Ephesians 2:12 (NIV)

God decided to let his people know this rich and glorious secret which he has for all people. This secret is Christ himself, who is in you. He is our only hope for glory.

Colossians 1:27 (NCV)

"So you, too, must show love to foreigners, for you yourselves were once foreigners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰You must fear the Lord your God and worship him and cling to him. Your oaths must be in his name alone. ²¹He alone is your God, the only one who is worthy of your praise, the one who has done these mighty miracles that you have seen with your own eyes."

Deuteronomy 10:19-21 (NLT)

Our Goals are to Multiply Hope:

1. For those who <u>NEED</u> <u>CHRIST</u>.

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

2. For those in our <u>COMMUNITY</u>.

All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. ³³The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all. ³⁴There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them ³⁵and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need.

Acts 4:32-35 (NLT)

3. In our <u>RELATIONSHIPS</u>.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common.

Acts 2:42, 44 (NIV)

4. Through our <u>GENEROSITY</u>.

"Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity." Luke 6:38 (MSG)

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)