



MISSION & ENGAGEMENT

Engagement - Hub of Hope

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“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.” 1 Peter 3:15

Real Engagement with the mission of Jesus requires hope. Hope is what makes you hold on when the circumstances are hard and do not make sense.

1. Why is hope vital to the mission of Jesus?

2. How does hope help someone hold on in the hard and confusing times?

Read Matthew 14: 22-33

Jesus told the disciples to get into the boat. He knew that they would be going through a storm.

3. Share a time when God allowed you to go through a storm.

4. Despite the storm, did you believe that God lead you into that circumstance?

5. Did hope help you through the storm? Explain.

The message of the gospel is not about God saving us from our circumstances; the gospel is about God being with us in our circumstances.

“So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls.” Hebrews 6:18-19

6. How is hope a refuge during hard and confusing times?

7. How is hope an anchor for the soul?

The mission requires that you hold on and not give up. Hope keeps us engaged in the mission even when the going is rough and the path does not make sense.

8. Has God ever asked you to do something that did not make sense at the time? How did hope play a role?

9. Is God asking you to do something now that does not make sense? If you feel comfortable, share with your group.