

City Group Connect (10-15 min). Spend some time connecting with each other.

- Briefly share how the last week has gone for you.
- Where have you seen God at work in your life or the lives of others this past week?

# Breaking The Ice.

• What have I done lately to "build a bridge" for the purpose of sharing the gospel?

# **Key Scriptures:**

<sup>3</sup> And not only this, but <sup>[c]</sup> we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; <sup>4</sup> and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; <sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. **Romans 5:3-5** 

## **Additional Scripture:**

1 John 5:4 Luke 10:41-42 1 Peter 3:15-18 John 16:33

## The Hope Cycle:

- Tribulation Brings Perseverance
- Perseverance Brings Proven Character
- Proven Character Brings Hope

## Start Talking.

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- What keeps us in the hope cycle?
- What does proven character look like?

# Start Thinking.

- Do we trust God's timing of the duration of the hope cycle?
- Should our access to grace through Jesus Christ, impact our viewpoint of the hope cycle in our life?
- What expectations do you currently have that may be serving as unconscious enemies to overall happiness?

# Start Sharing.

- What is the relationship between the idea of perfecting faith and the hope cycle?
- What is the relationship between the fruits of the spirit and the hope cycle?
- How will you faithfully obey what you've learned?

## Start Doing.

- How can you use the tools that Jesus left us to live, die, and repeat this week?
- How will you utilize your faith to face the day-to-day challenges?
- How can you help 2-3 people outside and inside of your family grow spiritually?

## Start Praying.

"Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for each lesson that You have allowed me to learn. Thank You for Your grace that gives me countless opportunities to repeat these lessons. I pray, Lord, that in each one, You would help me open my eyes to see what You are revealing about me and in me. Help me to better trust in You and in Your process. Thank you, Lord, for allowing me to be able to live, die, and repeat. In Jesus' name, Amen"

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