

Door of Hope

WEEK 4 – DOOR OF HOPE

BIG IDEA:

How many of us feel like the kid waiting outside the Principal's office just waiting for punishment? That's not who God is; the heart of God is that He loves you regardless of what you've done and what trouble you have caused. He isn't waiting to punish you, He's waiting to restore you, He loves you, and has prepared a way out for you.

KEY VERSE:

Hosea 2:14-15 "Therefore I am now going to allure her (*the people of Israel, you and me*); I will lead her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her. There I will give her back her vineyards and will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. There she will respond as in the days of her youth, as in the day she came up out of Egypt."

Revelation 3:20 "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in..."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is your valley of trouble? What has pushed you away from God?
2. What is God's promise to you according to v. 15?

Key Point: Jesus is the Door of Hope

3. In what ways does Jesus reveal himself to be the door of hope?
4. How has he shown this to you in the past? How can those past markers change your perspective on your current circumstances?
5. What does it look like to invite Jesus into your current valley?

MOVING FORWARD:

God wants you to know today that no matter what valley of trouble you walk through. No matter what trouble of sin you've been in. No matter what you think life has taken from you. There is always hope. Jesus is the door. Jesus is God's answer to our trouble. When you choose to step through the door of hope it leads to victory! As a group, discuss together what changes can you implement this week to remind yourself that Jesus is the door?