



# THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

## events

**Aloha!** We are so grateful that you are worshipping with us!

**Nursery and Kids' Church** are available — parents, please sign-in your children at the table by the nursery.

We are practicing what Andrew has been sharing with us this summer with a **Fellowship Brunch on July 24 at 10 am.** Sign ups are on the back table.

Joe Valentino is leading an online **Summer Equipping Class** on Multiplying Hope. Beginning Saturdays starting August 6.

### Ways to Give:

- Online on our website or app
- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to the church

### Giving Snapshot

- Budgeted giving \$170,000
- Actual giving \$165,292
- Actual expenses \$149,309

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**Andrew Severinsen**  
**Acts 2:42-47**

**Big Idea:** Having received their unmistakable commissioning to bring Jesus to the world, and the outpouring of power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish their mission, the early believers devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to the prayers.

- Devoted to fellowship
- Devoted to the breaking of bread

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## GRACE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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### Walking in the Spirit

Now where does hope—or *eager expectation*—come from? Should we just try really hard to get it? No, like all the other Christian virtues (or “fruit,” see Gal. 5:22-23) like love, (Rom. 5:5) and faith (Rom. 12:3), hope is something that the Holy Spirit is actively seeking to fill us with. Romans 15:13 makes this clear: “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” But we can cooperate with the Holy Spirit’s desire to increase our hope in our lives by thinking a lot about heaven and regularly contrasting life here with life then. Paul does this *all the time* in his letters (see, for example, 2 Cor. 4:16-5:10; Phil. 1:19-26; and Col. 3:1-4). And he does it here in Romans 8:18 as well: “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” ....

So, how do you live life in the Spirit?

Walk in the Spirit.

Set your mind on the things of the Spirit.

Put to death the deeds of the body by the Spirit.

Be led by the Spirit.

Know the fatherhood of God by the Spirit.

Hope in the Spirit.

**Kenneth Berding, *Walking in the Spirit* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2011), pages 92, 95.**

### Hope in the Spirit

1. How can thinking about eternity impact the way you live your life?
2. Should a Christian feel completely at home in the world? Are longings for the world-to-come good or not?
3. What is the difference between the way many people use the word *hope* and *biblical hope*.
4. What is the Holy Spirit’s role in the longings we feel for the future?
5. Where does hope come from? Do you simply *try hard* to have hope?
6. What difference does hope make in a fallen world that includes a lot of suffering?