

# **He Holds The Future [God's Promise]**

## **Discussion Guide**

### **Summary**

The sermon emphasizes the concept of 'living hope' found in Jesus Christ. It explores the idea that biblical hope is not mere wishful thinking but a confident expectation in God's promises. The message highlights that hope can often feel deferred or delayed, leading to a sense of despair. However, through scriptures like Proverbs 13:12 and 1 Peter 1:3-7, the message reassures believers that Jesus is our living hope, an anchor for our souls amidst life's trials and chaos. By placing our trust in Jesus, we can experience a steadfast and immovable hope that guides us through life's storms.

### **Intro Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we come before You with open hearts, ready to receive Your word. We ask that You fill us with Your presence and guide us to understand the living hope we have in Jesus. Help us to be receptive to Your message today and to apply it in our lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Ice Breaker**

What is one thing you are looking forward to this week?

### **Key Verses**

- Proverbs 13:12
- 1 Peter 1:3-7
- Romans 5:3-5
- Hebrews 6:18-20

## **Questions**

- What does 'living hope' mean to you personally?
- Can you share a time when you felt hope was deferred in your life?
- How do you see Jesus as an anchor in your life during difficult times?
- What are some promises of God that you hold onto during trials?
- How can we encourage each other to remain steadfast in our faith?
- In what ways can we experience hope through our faith being tested?
- How does understanding Jesus as our living hope change your perspective on current challenges?
- What practical steps can you take this week to anchor yourself in Jesus?

## **Life Application**

This week, identify one area in your life where you feel hope is deferred. Spend time in prayer, asking Jesus to be your anchor and to reveal His presence in that situation.

## **Key Takeaways**

Biblical hope is a confident expectation in God's promises. Jesus is our living hope, an anchor for our souls. Trials and challenges can strengthen our faith and hope. God's promises are unchangeable and trustworthy. Hope is found in the presence of Jesus, even amidst life's chaos.

**Ending Prayer**

Lord, we thank You for being our living hope and anchor in the storms of life. Help us to trust in Your promises and to find peace in Your presence. Guide us this week to live out the hope we have in You and to share it with others. In Jesus' name, Amen.