

He Holds The Future [God's Plan] Discussion Guide

Summary

As we transition from the festive season into the new year, many of us reflect on the past and plan for the future. This week's message delved into the concept of hope and its connection to our faith in God's plan for our lives. Unlike wishful thinking, biblical hope is a confident expectation in God's promises. Jeremiah 29:11, often quoted for inspiration, was delivered to the Israelites during their captivity in Babylon, assuring them of God's good plans even in dire circumstances. Trusting God's plan requires us to let go of our need for control and place our faith entirely in Him, as highlighted in 1 Corinthians 2:9 and Romans 15:13. This week, challenge yourself to let go of worries about the future and focus on being present with God, knowing that He holds your future securely in His hands. May you find strength and encouragement in His promises as you step into the new year.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You with open hearts, ready to receive what You have for us today. Help us to set aside our worries and distractions, and to focus on Your presence. May we be open to Your guidance and trust in Your perfect plan for our lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Ice Breaker

What is one goal or resolution you have for the new year?

Key Verses

1. Jeremiah 29:11
2. 1 Corinthians 2:9
3. Romans 15:13
4. Isaiah 55:8-9

Questions

1. What does hope mean to you personally?
2. How do you typically respond to uncertainty about the future?
3. Can you share a time when you saw God's plan unfold in your life?
4. What are some practical ways to trust God more with your future?
5. How can we differentiate between our plans and God's plans for us?
6. What role does prayer play in trusting God's plan?
7. How can we encourage each other to focus on the present moment with God?
8. What does it mean to you that God is the source of hope?

Life Application

This week, take time each day to intentionally be present with God. Set aside a few minutes to pray and ask God to help you trust Him with your future. Reflect on areas where you might be trying to control outcomes and surrender them to God.

Key Takeaways

1. God has a plan for each of us, and it is for our good.
2. Trusting God requires letting go of our need to control the future.
3. Hope in the Bible is a strong belief, not just wishful thinking.
4. God's wisdom and plans are beyond our understanding.
5. Trusting God brings peace and joy.

Ending Prayer

Lord, thank You for reminding us of Your faithfulness and the hope we have in You. As we go into this week, help us to trust You more deeply and to live in the present moment with You. May Your peace and joy fill our hearts as we surrender our future into Your hands. In Jesus' name, Amen.