



Oh Holy Night  
December 17, 2017

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

*Hope is Confident Anticipation of a Preferred Future*

**Hope Brings...**

**1. The Thrill of Wanting**

John 4:13-14  
Psalm 37:3-4

**2. The Thrill of Waiting**

Romans 8:24-25  
Psalm 130:5

**3. The Thrill of Watching**

Romans 5:2-5  
1 Peter 1:3-4

**4. The Thrill of Falling**

Matthew 2:11  
Hebrews 6:19  
Hebrews 10:22-23

**Home/Group Study**

*“The Christmas message is that there is hope for a ruined humanity—hope of pardon, hope of peace with God, hope of glory—because at the Father’s will Jesus became poor, and was born in a stable so that thirty years later He might hang on a cross.”*  
-J.I. Packer

1. Have you ever hoped for something and not received it? What impact did that have on your emotions and faith?
2. Why is it so easy to place our hope in things like money, reputation, or other people but then more difficult to put your hope in Christ?
3. In what way does looking back at Jesus’ birth, life, death and resurrection inspire hope for the future?
4. How do you think a person who lacks hope looks different from someone who is hope-full?
5. How do you put your hope in Christ?