

God's Promises of Hope

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Opening

1. Do you find it easy or difficult to wait for such things as a) Christmas Day; b) doctor's test results; c) answers to prayer?
2. As Christians, what do we ultimately wait for? How should this affect our daily lives?
3. What are some reasons why Christians lose hope?

Into-the-Bible

Matthew 25

1. What is the main theme these parables are about?
2. What is the specific point (or application) of each parable and how does that point relate to the main theme?
3. How are we to live as we await Christ's return and the judgment to come?
4. How does each parable give a different insight into how to live as we await God's future?

Romans 8:18-39

1. What is the hope we were saved in? (22-25)
2. How are we to wait for that hope?
3. How does the Spirit help us as we wait?
4. What does God do for those he has called?
5. How did God show he is "for us"?
6. How can there be no charge or condemnation against us?
7. How secure is God's promise? Why?

Hebrews 11

1. What is the role of faith in hope?
2. What is faith?
3. What does this section of scripture indicate that hope is?
4. How is hope seen in the lives of these people of faith?

Applications

1. What most stood out to you from the lesson this morning?
2. How is the message of security in God's promises (Romans 8) encouraging to you?
3. Do you have confidence and assurance in your faith (Hebrews 11:1)? Why or why not?
4. How would you encourage a Christian who...
 - a. Has lost their job and is questioning whether faith is worth it?
 - b. Has become lazy and distracted in their faith?
 - c. Worries about their salvation and its security?
 - d. Wonders why they should persevere through tragedy?
5. How do you most need to grow as a result of this study? How will you do this?