



ANTICIPATE Hope

Week of November 23

announcements

Family Worship • November 30

Christmas Eve • Thursday, December 24 • 2:00, 4:00, and 6:00 pm: Please encourage your folks to reserve their spot

No Sunday Services • December 28

Partner Class • January 25, 12:30-2:30pm: Where appropriate, challenge your group to make the commitment to the mission of North Rock Hill Church. At Partner Class they can learn about what it means to be an official NRHC Covenant Partner.

Psalm 130

The Psalmist cries out, “Out of the depths.” What are some of the most challenging “depths” (situations of great need, distress, or sin) that have caused you to cry out for God’s help genuinely?

The Psalmist says, “With you there is forgiveness so that you may be revered.” How does God’s forgiveness lead to reverence (awe, deep respect) rather than fear or shame in a person’s life?

What does active, hopeful waiting on God look like practically, versus passive resignation? What specific promise of God are you currently holding onto that sustains your hope?

The Psalmist pivots from his personal experience to encourage others (v.7-8). How has the hope you have personally found in God prepared you to offer encouragement and hope to someone this week?

The Psalm ends with the confidence that God “will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.” Considering this is the start of Advent (Hope Week), how does the message of Psalm 130—moving from the depths of personal need to the fullness of God’s redemption—point toward the coming of Jesus Christ? What specific area of your life do you need to surrender to God this Advent season to experience that fullness of redemption?

PRAYER CHALLENGE

Have our group pair up with one other person in the room (not a spouse). This will be their prayer partner for the entire series.

Share your answer to the following question with your partner. Then, take a few minutes to pray specifically for your partner, asking God to grant them hope and the strength to surrender that area to Him this week.

What specific area of your life (a sin, a worry, a fear, a resentment, or a practical need) do you need to surrender to God this Advent season to experience the fullness of the redemption and hope found in Jesus Christ?

Commit to checking in with your prayer partner at least once this week (via text, call, or brief conversation) to encourage them and remind them to keep hoping in Jesus.