



The Gift of Hope: The Penalty of Sin Paid

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.
Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Read Luke 2:8-14, Hebrews 11:6, and Romans 5:1-2

1. Identify the common words or themes that connect these three passages.
 2. What is the somber difference between what the one first angel says to the shepherds and what the host of angels say?
 3. What is Faith in the context of Hebrews 11 and Romans 5 passages?
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Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

How do the scriptures connect to everyday life.

4. In today's message we gave two different definitions for the words “Hope” and “Peace” than we normally think of those. Look up the sermon notes and then discuss how those definitions shape how the text relates to you in those two areas.
 5. The penalty of sin being paid by Jesus is the central gift of the Hope we have in Christ from this week's message. Do you find yourself doubting that your sin has been paid in full? How can thinking about Christ's coming at Christmas help that.
 6. How does peace with God produce peace with others in your life?
 7. How can we “Boast in the hope of the Glory of Christ”(Rom 5:2) in normal life?
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Surrender: *Responding to God's voice.*

8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We're here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your life group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.
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