



Morning Star Las Cruces 2025 Discussion Questions

December 28, 2025

Title: A Basis for Hope

Text: Isaiah 63:7-9

1. As the year winds down, what's one small thing from the past week that gave you a sense of comfort, relief or gratitude?
2. The time between Christmas and New Year's can feel a little disorienting. How do you usually experience this in-between season: restful, reflective, heavy, hopeful or something else?
3. What stood out to you in the message titled, *A Basis for Hope*? Did a phrase, image or idea stay with you that you'd like to discuss?
4. Read Isaiah 63:7-9. What words or themes stand out to you as the prophet recalls God's past faithfulness and compassion?

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5. The passage looks backward in order to speak hope into the present. How does remembering what God has done shape the way hope is formed here? In your own life?

6. Verse 9 proclaims that God was never distant from the people's suffering but shared in their distress. How does that image of God affect the way you think about pain, struggle or endurance? Has that been your experience?

7. Read Psalm 77:11-12. How does remembering God's deeds function as an act of faith when circumstances feel uncertain or unresolved?

8. Read Lamentations 3:31-33. What does this text suggest about the relationship between suffering, compassion and hope?

9. As you stand at the threshold of a new year, what memories of God's faithfulness, personal or communal, might serve as a basis for hope going forward?

10. How might your group pray for you as you carry hope into this in-between season, trusting in God's steadfast love even when the future feels unclear?

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