

## "Hope" 11/30/2025 Reflection Questions:

- 1. What do think is the difference between biblical hope and wishful thinking? How is that related to the difference between hoping for something and hoping in someone (God)?
- 2. What is the danger of placing hope in things other than Jesus? How is hope different for a believer than for someone without Christ?
- 3. Proverbs 18:21 says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue". Why do you think Scripture places such extreme categories, "death and life," on our words? What does that imply about their impact?
- 4. Jeremiah 29:11 says: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."
  - a. Why do you think God emphasizes future hope to people living in present pain?
  - b. What does it mean for us that God knows His plans even when we don't?
- 5. What happens to decision-making when someone is operating out of fear or hopelessness instead of hope? What practical steps can we take to ensure that our big decisions flow from prayer, Scripture, and hope rather than fear, anxiety, or pressure?
- 6. When have you made a major decision from a place of confusion or hopelessness—and how did that affect the outcome?

  What would have been different if hope had played a larger role?
- 7. In Romans 15:13, Paul calls God "the God of hope." What does that reveal about His character?
- 8. What practical things weaken our hope on a daily basis or what voices in culture tend to drain our hope—and how do we guard against them?
- 9. What areas of your life need a fresh infusion of hope right now?