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## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

August 18, 2024 | *Hope on the Horizon*



### GROWING CLOSER TOGETHER \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Go around the room and share the high (best moment), low (worst moment), and/or buffalo (interesting moment) from this past day or week.
- 2) Share about a time in your life that you experienced a glimmer of hope.



### MESSAGE REFLECTION \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Share about something from the service or message that stood out to you, inspired you, or encouraged you.
- 2) Read **Psalms 42** together. What jumps out at you from this passage?
- 3) When in your life have you asked “why?” Share about that time.
- 4) Why is despair so effective at removing life and light from a person?
- 5) How can you fight against despair in your life? (see vs 4-6)
- 6) How does speaking the truth to yourself about who God is cultivate hope?
- 7) In what should you place your hope anchor according to Hebrews 10:23?
- 8) Share about a time that worship helped you push back the dark clouds of despair.



## GOING DEEPER \_\_\_\_\_

READ Romans 15:1-13 together

- 1) What jumps out at you from these verses that is interesting or thought-provoking?
- 2) What does it look like to practice Christian community?
- 3) How does practicing Christian community foster hope?
- 4) Paul writes in verse 4 that remembering God's faithfulness throughout history promotes endurance and encouragement. How do these two elements work together to bolster hope?
- 5) What is the goal of the endurance and encouragement (and by extension hope) that God grants you according to verses 5-6?
- 6) Read the passages that Paul quotes from the Old Testament: **Psalm 18:49/2 Samuel 22:50, Deuteronomy 32:43, Psalm 117:1, Isaiah 11:10**. How does each successive OT verse demonstrate brighter hope for the Gentiles?
- 7) Why is trusting God the prerequisite for being given joy and peace? Where does hope's power ultimately come from?



## LIVING IT OUT \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Meditate on Psalm 42:1-2 this week. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you desire God more than anything else.
- 2) Create a worship battle plan for yourself that you can use to combat despair that may creep in.



## LIFT EACH OTHER UP \_\_\_\_\_

*Take some time to pray for each other.*