



## **ASCENT: The Upward Look #1**

### **Sunday, Aug 21, 2022**

### **Gahanna campus**

#### **WELCOME (15 minutes)**

- Ice Breaker: Are you more of a night owl or a morning lark? What are your most creative hours?

#### **WORSHIP (10 minutes)**

- Using your favorite streaming service, sing together “You Keep Hope Alive” by Jon Reddick. Lyrics are on the back

#### **WIN (15 minutes)**

- **PRAY** for friends, co-workers, family, etc. that don’t know Jesus
- **TALK ABOUT** what you can do **as a small group** to help reach them!

#### **WORD (25 minutes)**

**Start by having different readers read this Psalm aloud:** Reader #1 vs 1-2; Reader #2 vs 3-4; Reader #3 vs 5-6; Reader #4 vs 7-8

1. What verb is repeated in verses 3, 4, 7, and 8? What does this verb communicate about God’s involvement in our lives?
2. There can be many obstacles to trusting God as protector. Are there any fears or anxieties you need to overcome in order to trust God more fully in this way?
3. Though God certainly is our Keeper through our entire life’s journey, what is the most fundamental way He has acted as our Keeper? Read Romans 5:6-11 for help.
4. These songs that look to God for protection and deliverance were sung by a group of people traveling together in order to help keep one another safe. What role does a small group like ours play in protecting each other from evil?
5. Read again verses 7 and 8. Does the Lord promise a journey free from trouble or a journey protected from trouble? What is the difference? Why is this important for you to grasp?

#### **WORKS (25 minutes)**

- Break down into smaller units of 2 or 3s to pray with and for each other!

## You Keep Hope Alive by Jon Reddick

Days may be darkest  
But Your light is greater  
You light our way  
God, You light our way

When evil is rising  
You're rising higher  
With power to save  
With power to save

You keep hope alive  
You keep hope alive  
From the beginning to end  
Your word never fails  
You keep hope alive  
Because You are alive  
Jesus, You are alive

Death had a stronghold  
But Your life was stronger  
Rose from the grave  
Rose up from the grave

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There's hope in the morning  
Hope in the evening  
Hope because You're living  
Hope because You're breathing

There's hope in the breaking  
Hope in the sorrow  
Hope for this moment  
My hope for tomorrow

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There is hope

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You keep hope alive  
Your word never ever fails  
You keep hope alive  
Jesus, You are alive  
You keep hope alive