

New Life Small Group Questions - Sunday, Dec 27, 2020

Living Hope (Andrew Piletz)

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1. Read John 4: 25-26: Jesus is in the business of bringing hope to the hopeless. The God of ALL CREATION shrunk himself down to human form and traveled to the point of exhaustion to Samaria, the most despised land for a Jew, to reveal that He was the Messiah to a hopeless divorced Samaritan woman. How does knowing that God will go to the ends of the earth to give hope to His chosen people encourage you?
2. Read John 4: 13-15: The woman came to the well to fill her physical thirst, but in reality, she was thirsting for approval and comfort. When she couldn't get that from one man, she tried another, and another, and another, but she could not satisfy her thirst until Jesus offered her LIVING WATER. What are people "thirsting" for in our society today and where have you gone to quench your thirst in the past? And how has the living water of Jesus truly satisfied your thirst?
3. Read John 4:28-29: The hope of Jesus radically changes our lives. Once she sipped LIVING WATER the Samaritan woman left the only thing that mattered to her in that moment (i.e. the water jar) and went to proclaim the good news to all the people that despised her in her hometown. She was so secure in who she was in Christ that she didn't need others approval, and her checkered past was turned from a source of shame to a source of praise. How has the hope of Jesus changed your life, and what sources of shame in your story have been turned to sources of praise in God's story?
4. Andrew mentioned some practical steps that he's taken in 2020 to find hope (i.e., study God's Word, remember God's faithfulness, and stir each other up). Which of these steps is God calling you to focus on in 2021 to keep your eyes fixed on God's eternal narrative instead of this world's temporary narrative?

Meeting on Zoom or in a room - Use this format:

1. Welcome everyone - Check-in! *How's everyone doing?*
2. Make plans for any ministry or fun activities you'll be doing soon as a group!
3. Discuss the Small Group Discussion Questions.
4. Share prayer requests, break into smaller groupings, and then pray for each other.

If launching or starting a NEW online small group:

1. Pick a couple of friends.
2. Pick a platform to use - (Zoom or any number of options!)
3. Use the above agenda!