



HOPE & HOME

Session 7: Hope & Home

Small Group Guide

Warm up (activity to connect with the theme)

Can you think of a time when hope was a powerful motivator for you? In what ways do we see hope powerfully at play in the world today?

What hopes, dreams and ambitions do you still have for your life?

Message (summary video)

Watch the video by Andrew Ollerton that summarises the big theme from the Bible and its relevance to our lives

Scripture readings (for the group to read together)

1 Peter 1.3–9; Revelation 22.1–21.

Discussion time

- What are your initial reactions to the film?
- What is true hope and why is it such a vital energy for humans? What false hopes do we put our trust in as a society?
- Read 1 Peter 1.3–9. How does the resurrection of Jesus reveal the nature of our future hope?
- Dramatic visions at the end of Revelation reveal our ultimate destination. What surprised you about the physical and social nature of our ultimate hope?
- Read Revelation 22.1–21. What are you most looking forward to about our future home and why?
- How can this hope on the far horizon inspire us today? How does it change the way we approach bereavement and death? How does it shape our priorities in life?
- Overall, how has this section on the theme of hope helped make sense of your life today?

Response time (a reflection to lead into prayer time)

Read Hebrews 6.19.

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

Then listen to 'Is He Worthy?' by Chris Tomlin www.youtube.com/watch?v=-c6pl6CaiD0

May the lyrics remind you of our great hope, inspire you and encourage you in your worship.

How has this series of films and conversations helped you better understand the big story of the Bible?

Daily content

Continue the journey this week by reading the daily chapters of content and Scriptures in the series book by Andrew Ollerton, *The Bible: A Story That Makes Sense of Life* (Hodder).



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