

Saturday & Sunday, April 7 & 8, 2018 - "Hope Restored Week 2: Building the New Earth" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: 1 Corinthians 15:20-23, 50-58, Revelation 21, Psalm 121

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Hope Restored Series: Our desire is that we would all have a greater sense of hope and it would spill into every other area of our lives
- Hope is the catalyst for so many other good things in our lives
 - Living out the one word challenge starts with hope (some of us that is our word)
 - Hope leads to Joy (Romans 12:12), boldness (2 Corinthians 3:12), faith and love (Colossians 1:4-5), endurance and power (Isaiah 40), Anchors our soul (Hebrews 6:19)
 - If we lose hope, we lose motivation
- Heart Sickness (from last week Proverbs 13:12a)
- David was in a battle for hope in Psalm 42 & 43
 - He preaches to himself 3 times
 - His sermon to himself was, "Hope in God"
- We all talk to and preach to ourselves ("no one talks to you more than you")
 - We have a tendency to place our hopes in many other things besides God
 - John Calvin said, "Man's nature, so to speak, is a perpetual factory of idols."
- The only way out of heart sickness is to short our confidence and our hope to God
 - Psalm 121: We lift our eyes and see God more clearly
 - David was lifting his eyes in Psalm 42 & 43
- Hope & Wait are closely related
 - David looks back and sees that God has been faithful and looks forward to all God has promised
 - **360 Perspective = Looking back and seeing what God has done and looking forward to his promises**
 - If we have an accurate understanding of what God is doing and what God will do → source of HOPE
- Paul is writing about life and death and eternity in 1 Corinthians 15
 - We will all be changed
 - All those in Christ will get a new body (Just like Jesus' body) PHYSICALLY like him
 - Jesus' body was resurrected so our bodies will be resurrected
- Revelation 21: New heaven and New earth
 - Jesus returning to be with us..here...where we are
 - 360 perspective → what is promised in scripture → shape everything we do and look forward to..
 - Making all things new AND God is inviting us to participate in making all things new TODAY
 - Every act of love/kindness, service, justice, sacrifice for others ...every piece of art or new song will "find it's way into the new world" (NT WRIGHT)
- Sometimes hope comes from being a part of something bigger
 - Do not grow weary of doing good. "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord"
 - God is using us to make all things new

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. When was a time when you felt like hope was the catalyst for something good in your life?
2. Have you ever been in a battle for hope? What was/is it like?
3. What are some of the things that you have been tempted to place your hope in apart from God?
4. How has God grown you find hope through remembering what He has done and believing His promises for the future?
5. What is God calling you to as a part of Him making all things new?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or message?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Romans 6 Tues: Romans 7 Wed: Romans 8 Thurs: Philippians 3 Fri: Colossians 3

Worship Set from this weekend:

"Jesus the Same" - Israel Houghton "Let Revival Come (Revive Me) - People & Songs "Alpha & Omega" - Israel Houghton "Revelation Song" - Kari Jobe