

Westwood Life Groups - *A Place to Belong & A Place to Grow*

Life Group Leaders & Meeting Times (groups with a * meet at the Westwood building):

5:30pm, Mondays-Terry Boyd

5:00pm, Saturdays- David Womack

*11:45, Sundays – David Britton

*11:45, Sundays – Joseph Stotts

* 1:00, Sundays – Bob Deason

7:00, Wednesdays – Teens

1:00, Sundays-Glenn Mitchell

1:30, Sundays- Tim Deason

5:00, Sundays – Kirk Mullican

5:00, Sunday- Neil Helton

6:00, Sundays-Terry Connor

*6:00, Sundays – Jeff McKinley

6:00, Sundays – Josh Chandler

(PLEASE, CALL IN ATTENDANCE TO CHURCH OFFICE)

“These Three” #2

Hope

- Paul concludes his statements about true and lasting love in **1 Corinthians 13** with this statement: **“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love”** (1Corinthians 13:13).
- Last week we discussed having a faith that moves and motivates us to walk with God. Today we look at **HOPE** for better days with help from the book of **Jeremiah**.
- [Jeremiah 1:4](#); 2 Kings 25:2-7; Jeremiah 6:14; Jeremiah 2:12-13; 3:31 and Jeremiah chapters 30-33.

1. Hope is About a _____

- For the follower of Jesus, hope always depends on the reliability of the one who makes the promises.
- Hope is never based on our wishful thinking or positive feelings or even how much faith we have. Hope is based on a God who is really there, a God who has left good and sufficient reasons for us to know and trust Him.

2. Hope is About a _____

- The Biblical word for this person is *Messiah*. In Jeremiah 33:15, this person is called a *"righteous branch who will sprout from David's line."*
- In [Jeremiah 33:16](#), Jesus is called the *"Lord our Righteousness."*
- The New Testament declares that when Jesus—the Lord our Righteousness—died on the cross, he took upon himself our unrighteousness, and in a marvelous exchange, we received his righteousness ([2 Corinthians 5:20-21](#)).

3. Hope is About _____

- Hope provides us with a vision of God's future, which allows us to risk. Hope causes us to risk – to see the possibilities - which is exactly what Jeremiah did in [chapter 32](#).
- Jeremiah put his faith into practice. If you have hope, if you hold on to God's promise of better days, if you're trusting that Jesus is the Righteous One, it has to work itself into your life.

Close...

- Have you placed your faith in Jesus? He is our only **HOPE** to experience true life here and eternal life in heaven.

Westwood Church of Christ
Sunday Morning
November 11, 2018

***Life Group Questions for the Week Beginning...
Sunday November 11, 2018***

1. How have you used the word/idea of hope in times past and how would you define it from a Biblical perspective?
2. How might our present be positively affected by our future “hope for better days”?
3. From our message this morning, upon what did we say Biblical hope is based?
4. We mentioned an author by the name of Sam Harris this morning. Mr. Harris seems to think that no rational, clear thinking person could possibly believe in God. How would you answer people like Sam Harris who think Christians just pull their “hope” out of thin air?
5. How do the words of Jeremiah (33:15-16) and Paul (2 Corinthians 5:20-21) make us better understand Biblical hope?
6. How did Jeremiah, in chapter 32, allow his hope in God to move him to trust God and take a risk and if so, what was the risk?
7. If Biblical hope can be defined as “vision for better days”, how does our relationship with Christ bring this hope into fruition?