

### "Hope"

1. Biblical hope is *assured confidence* rather than mere *wishful thinking*. (See, for example, Hebrews 6:16–20.) Tell of a time when you so confidently hoped for something that you stayed highly motivated over an extended period of time.
2. The triad of faith, hope, and love are vital factors in the life of the believer (1 Corinthians 13:13; Colossians 1:5; 1 Thessalonians 1:3; 5:8). Notice that there is no real change in meaning if we substitute "faith" for "hope" in 1 Timothy 6:17. What is the difference between faith and hope, if any?

Tell why you agree or disagree with the following statement: *In regard to our life in Christ, a lack of hope is a lack of faith.*

3. Read 1 John 3:1–3. Our confident hope that we will be like Christ when he returns shapes our present behavior. Name other elements of our hope that have similar impacts on our current lives.
4. Read 1 Peter 3:15. What is the reason for the hope that you have?

### Recurring Questions

- » How have you seen God working in your life or the lives of those around you this week?
- » What prayer requests would you like to share with the group, including prayer for any spiritual struggles you may be experiencing?