



SPX Small Groups

Life is Better Together



The Hope of Christmas - Week 1 November 27 - 1st Sunday in Advent

1. When you were a kid, was there something you hoped for at Christmas? Did Santa come through for you?
2. What sorts of things do you hope for as an adult?
3. Is there a difference between hoping for things and being a hopeful person? How would you describe the difference?
4. Is anything challenging your ability to be a hopeful person right now?
5. Read the 1st reading together ([Is 2:1-5](#)), where Isaiah paints a picture of a time of restoration, where all people will seek God and he will bring about peace.
 - a. Does that vision seem likely or unlikely to ever occur?
 - b. If unlikely to occur, why would God want Isaiah to share that vision with people?
 - c. Does that vision give you a hopeful outlook?
6. If hope is a resilient stance toward life marked by trust, confidence and perseverance, how can you nurture that sort of hope in your life?
7. Jesus reminds us that none of us know how much longer we will live. Do you take that warning seriously? Are you inclined to start checking fun things off your bucket list or doubling down on your discipleship?
8. Are there any specific things you need to do to this Advent to remain hopeful and alert?
9. How could you share hope more intentionally this Advent season?