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***BACK TO THE BASICS – HOPE***

1 Timothy 1:1 “Christ Jesus our hope”

Colossians 1:27 “Christ in you, the hope of glory”

Proverbs 10:28

***How is hope generated? Romans 15:4***

***1. The Scriptures always play a central role in developing hope.***

False hope is:

Based on what is desirable

Based on a denial of reality

Based on mystical or magical thinking

Based on an unbiblical view of prayer

True hope is:

The result of genuine salvation

Does not merely focus on the individual

Comes from a diligent study of God’s Word

**2. *The Scriptures provide examples and instruction to promote perseverance and hope.***

James 1:2-4

1 Corinthians 10:13

1 Peter 5:7-9

**3. *The Scriptures generate hope by removing the element of surprise from what is happening.***

God is always in control!

Daniel 4:35b

Ephesians 1:11

Proverbs 3:5-6

**Questions for discussion**

1. Explain what it means to you personally that Jesus Christ is your hope. Colossians 1:27; James 1:2-4; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 1 Peter 5:7-9; Proverbs 3:5-6; Ephesians 1:11
2. How might you communicate to an unbeliever how they might experience the same hope that you have in Jesus Christ? Ephesians 2:12; Proverbs 10:28; John 3:16

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