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ANNOUNCEMENTS: Leader, please make these available to your group.

Pilates for Purpose has two more meetings on October 16 and 30th. Minimum donation is \$10 and 100% of proceeds go toward filling the La Gloria Christmas Blessing Bags. [CLICK HERE TO DONATE.](#) Encourage everyone to attend! Sessions begin at 9am in room 118.



Veteran's Celebration Picnic is in need of volunteers!!!! Saturday November 13 from 9-3:30. It's going to be a special time to celebrate our military families for the sacrifice they've made with a free concert and free BBQ. We need 75 volunteers to help! If you can help please [follow this link.](#)



[La Gloria Christmas Blessing Bags](#) campaign is in full swing!!!! \$20 sponsors a bag filled with useful items and toys given to children in need. We'd like to bless 700 children this year with what might be the only Christmas gift they get! If you sponsor online be sure to visit the lobby on Sundays to fill out your postcard that will go into your bag. We have lots more info at the link!



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Week 11 | The God Of All Hope | Genesis 4:25-5

CHRIST IS THE BASIS OF HOPE IN THE MIDST OF HUMAN CRISIS

Twenty-year-old Katherine Buckley had decided to wear her white blouse with a blue serge jacket and skirt that night. But it didn't really matter. What she ordered for dinner didn't matter either. She might as well have rung up a big bill and gorged on sweets all evening. Where she sat, what she said, how she looked, the \$5 note in her purse, her plans for tomorrow — none of it ultimately made any difference. Why? Because it was midnight, April 15, 1912, Katherine was a third-class passenger on the Titanic, and in a few short hours, the Titanic would be 2½ miles under the ocean's surface. Miss Katherine Buckley's lifeless body would be recovered by the cable ship Mackay Bennett. Katherine couldn't have imagined what was going to happen that evening, but if she did, she would have shaped her plans based on the hopelessness of her situation. The truth is some of us live like that. Predetermining the conclusion of events in our lives before God has the opportunity to do what He does best, work the miracle. God is the God of all hope! Look to Him today and trust that He is fulfilling His plan for your life!

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.



PRAY (10 min)

As a Life Group, take time to consider how God has brought hope to your life over the past year. Encourage one another and give thanks to God in prayer.



REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. You can't overestimate the value of hope.

Based on the message, what do we lose when we lose hope? Consider your own times of discouragement or hopelessness. What good things were lost in those times for you? How did holding onto God's promise help Eve have hope? How can that help you? Pick some specific promises from Scripture.

And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Romans 5:3-5

2. God blessed Adam and Eve with another son, Seth. Even though Satan was seeking to destroy God's promise, God's purpose was fulfilled, and Eve's family was blessed. Eve recognized God's grace and acknowledged the fulfillment of His promise in her life, and even expressed gratitude.

What good things has God been doing in your life? Make a list of His blessings, even the small ones, and express your gratitude to Him in worship.

What man destroys God resurrects.

3. Everything in our personal life is working towards God's greater purpose. It's important to keep that in mind; otherwise, the emotions during a crisis can eclipse our understanding of their real purpose. This is true even for crisis' that have great magnitudes, such as COVID and societal fragmentation. Consider, as a group, how you can view these crisis' in society through the lens of Scripture. See how they fit into God's eternal plan and encourage one another to trust in Him.

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God.

Revelation 7:9-11



WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE

Isaiah 43:18-19

Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.



REACH (5 min)

Considering what God revealed to you this week, identify an area in your life where you've taken your eyes off of God. Then, find a promise in the Scripture to hold onto and expect that God will fill your heart with hope as you choose to trust in Him.

Next week we will be anxiously waiting to hear about how God filled your life with His hope and how it impacted you and those around you.

Dear Home Group Leader,

The following questions have been added to the Home Group curriculum to minister specifically to marriages. Even though not all of your people are married, please try to work these "Mindful of Marriage" questions in at the end of your meeting as they can benefit all.

If you don't have time to cover these questions in your meeting, please give the questions to the married couples as homework to do together. Thank you!

MINDFUL OF MARRIAGE...

- Think of a time that was extremely hope-filled in your marriage. What types of things did you discuss with your spouse?
- Have you ever gone through a time where hopelessness seemed to plague you in your family or marriage? How did that affect what you talked about and what activities you did together?
- How can you bring faith-filled communication and planning into your daily lives together? What steps should you take? Are there specific scriptures that you or someone in the group can find on this subject to pray over your marriage?