

# Themes of the Bible - Hope

## Warm Up Questions:

What do you think people usually mean when they use the word hope? In what kinds of situations might you feel that you have no hope? What kinds of feelings or emotions might you have if you think you have no hope?

## The Bible and Hope

I Corinthians 13:13 says “Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.”

What 3 words are connected as being very important? How do you think that they are connected?

In the Bible hope God is the one who provides us with hope. He can solve the problems in our everyday lives and our spiritual lives.

Hebrews 11:1-3 states that hope is something that “the ancients were commended for.” Who do you think were “the ancients”?

## Group Questions

1 Read Genesis 15:1-6

What was the hopeless situation that Abram (Abraham) was in? Who does Abram think will be his heir. What hope does God give him? What did Abraham choose to do? (verse 6)

2 Read Romans 4:18-22

What do you think it means when it says: “Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed” Why do you think Abram had this hope? What made it possible?

3 Read Genesis 16:1-4

What happens to Abraham’s faith? What does he do? Why do you think his hope faltered?

4 Read Genesis 21:1- 5

What eventually happens? Who oversees the timing of Isaac’s birth?

5 Read Luke: 4:16-21

Where was Jesus? Which OT prophet did He read from?

What kinds of hopelessness does Jesus describe? Does Jesus offer any hope for these hopeless situations? What would give hope to the poor? Has Jesus given you hope? How?

6 Read the following passages: Matthew 9:27-30; Mark 7:31-37; Luke 7:11-17; John 8:1-11

What was the hopeless situation in each passage? How did Jesus bring hope to each situation?

7 Read Titus 3:5-7

Where do we find the hope of eternal life? How does Jesus save us?