

HOPE

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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CONNECT

Talk about a moment, or season, of your life when just a glimmer of hope caused you to pause, and gave you a confidence that everything was going to be ok...

ENGAGE

What portion of the weekend's message connected the most deeply with you about hoping coming right into a specific need in your life?

GROW

- What distractions make it hard for you to notice God's work around you?
- How can we practice being alert and expectant like the shepherds?
- From the message, how can Anna's decades of waiting teach us about patience and hope?
- What is one practical way you can share hope with someone this week?
- How does acting quickly when you see hope impact others around you?
- Which part of your life needs Jesus' hope to transform it right now?

CHALLENGE

Write down one area of hopelessness in your life where you need Jesus to step into. Identify it. Name it. Pray over it. You can pray, "Jesus... you know this is THE area in my life where I feel the most hopeless. But I know you came to bring hope because You ARE hope. You're the only one that can heal this in my life. I need hope... I need You."