

Week 1: Hope

Bible Verses: Isaiah 40:1-5, 27-31

In these passages of Isaiah, the covenant people are in exile in a foreign land, a condition the prophets said had resulted from their disobedience to God. Now, the prophet announces the people's rescue because of God's steadfast love and trustworthiness. These verses speak of hope in God's eternal plan. Read Isaiah 40:1-5, 27-31.

Questions for Adults and Teens:

- What does it mean to wait for God?
- How does knowing what God has done in the past give us hope for tomorrow?
- Who is someone in your life who has exuded hope?
- How can we be messengers of hope in our world right now?

Questions for Families:

- What does it mean to hope?
- What is something you hope for?
- How can our family be a messenger of hope this week?

Prayer:

God, you tell us to hope in your faithfulness, yet when we look at the world, we see sin and sadness. Strengthen us to be your witness to the world, sharing the hope we have in you through, Jesus Christ, your son, our savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Questions and discussions adapted from the following sources:

<https://hindscoaching.com/2020/09/21/advent-3-joy-video-chat/>

<https://storyboardingchurch.wordpress.com/2017/12/04/busy-lives-use-faith5-for-advent/>