



HOPE SERIES

Group-facilitator notes

The Importance of conversations:

Thank you for the role you are going to play in our four-week series on Hope. Conversations are a very important part of growth for all of us. It is by listening to others, and learning to put concepts into our own words, that truths are integrated into the way we think and live. To help with this, we have moments to pause and talk about a specific question during the video presentation. At the end of the video, we will mention 3 additional questions that can help with further conversations. All of these questions will be supplied in the notes for the week. In these conversations we help people by listening to understand, and by sharing honestly from our own lives.

The “program”:

Remember, people are the program! Our goal is to help people engage with Scripture and the theme of the session. The questions are there to help the conversation.

New groups, or groups with new people joining, can start each session by getting to know each other. See suggestions for conversation starters below. (Icebreakers) Encourage people to engage in the conversation. We will pause the video at certain points to discuss. Try to limit these pause-moment discussions to 5 minutes so that we can have more time for conversation after the video.

Sessions 2-4 give an opportunity for feedback from the previous week and end with something to consider for the coming week. Try not to skip this vital part of the session. Asking these questions encourages people to engage between group sessions.

Respect people’s time. We aim for 60 minutes for the video and group discussion. Connecting before and after the group discussion can be determined by the group.

Opportunities to grow:

Encourage people to participate in the Sunday celebrations and the daily devotionals that focus on the theme of Hope. The daily devotionals take a more in-depth look into the primary Scripture of the Sunday sermon. Encourage participants also to pray for each other during the week. Remember that this is our year theme. This four-week series is just the introduction. Encourage people to stay engaged throughout the year.

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Conversation Starters (ice-breakers):

- If you could be in any movie as a character, what movie would it be and why?
- If you had 24 hours to yourself, money is unlimited, what would you do for that day?
- If you had to sing karaoke right now, what song do you pick?
- If you had your own talk show, who would your first guest be and why?
- If you could have any new skill instantly, what would you choose and why?
- If you could only have three apps on your phone, which would you choose and why?
- If you had to swap your legs with the legs of any other animal, which animal would you choose?
- What was your dream job as a child and why?
- If you had to eat one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?
- If you could live anywhere in the world for a year, where would it be and why?
- If you had to rename yourself, what name would you pick?
- If you could be on a TV show, which one would you choose and why?
- If you could eliminate one thing from your daily routine, what would it be and why?
- What's something on your bucket list?
- What's the best piece of advice you have ever been given?

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