

**Sermon Notes**  
**“Gospel of Hope” (1 Pet 1:3-13)**  
**Dec 10, 2023**

**Discussion Questions**

These questions are only a guide. Feel free to share how God has spoken to you, what areas you question &/or do not understand. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion.

➤ **What is Hope?**

**Desire**

**Expectation**

*Yakhal*

*Qavah*

*Elpis*

➤ **Problem of hope**

➤ **Gospel’s Answer to Hope**

**Deepest desires are real (1:3-7)**

**Love is possible (1:8a-b)**

**Future’s reality is today (1:8c-9)**

➤ **Call for ‘Gritty’ Hope (1:13)**

**Command**

**Context**

The Bible makes it clear we were created to worship the One true God, but sin has caused us to seek counterfeit gods - idols. What idols do you continue to seek? How are they enslaving you? Compare that to what worship of and slavery to Jesus offers you.

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What has been your understanding of hope? Is it optimism, wishful thinking or uncertain trust? How does that compare to the hope biblical characters understood and placed in God?

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Placing our hope in earthly things results in 4 different kind of life experiences (seek ‘it’, need another ‘it’, being disillusioned or hopeless). Can you relate? In what ways is your hope still misplaced?

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How does the Good News offer a different kind of hope (c.f. 1 Pet 1:3)? How are ‘desires & expectations’ fully satisfied in Jesus? What’s hard about living in this hope today (c.f. 1:6-9)?

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The Bible calls us to a hope that is active and engaging, ‘girding up’ our hearts and minds for the task given. Why should we? Are we? In what ways are we being obedient? What ways are we not?

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The opportunity of Millet has come to us. What are your thoughts?

**Action Step**