

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of May 16, 2021

MY STORY

What would you say is the difference between, “I hope so” and “I have hope”?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week’s teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

DIGGING DEEPER

What are some of the things that this world puts its hope in? Do you ever find yourself doing that?

How does putting your hope in a person you’ve never met (Jesus) and a place you’ve never seen (heaven) make sense? How would you explain that to someone?

Our society says that there are many ways to heaven (if it even exists) and that everyone has their own truth. What effect do these ideas have on hope? What impact do Jesus’ claims about Himself have on hope?

Why is it important that Jesus and the Father are one?

Scripture teaches that Jesus is fully God and fully man. Why is that important and essential to our hope?

How can our belief in Jesus be valid and our hope in Him be real if we don’t fully understand Him?

What are examples of the “greater works” that we will do? How, exactly do we *do* these works?

“If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.” Does this mean I can get anything I want? What did Jesus mean?

PRAYER REQUEST

Tips on Group Prayer

Prayer is an important part of being in a Small Group. We've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines:

WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a request is introduced, the group focuses on that request. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

PRAY MORE THAN ONCE

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray out loud.

WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT & SIMPLE

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missionaries of the Month Please pray for Chad & Kristin Tabor as they serve with e3Partners.

Choices Baby Bottles Be sure to pick up a baby bottle in the Commons to fill with all your spare change in support of Choices.



The Gospel of John---That You May Believe

A Greater Hope

John 14:1-14 (ESV) Jim Vandermeer May 16, 2021

I We have a greater hope than this world

- Jesus is preparing a place for us and is coming back for us
- Our greater hope is Heaven

II We have a complete hope

- Jesus is *the way*
- Jesus is *the truth*
- Jesus is *the life*

III We have unity with the Father

- Jesus is one with the Father
- Jesus was a vessel for the Father
- We are to believe that Jesus is in the Father

IV We will do greater Works

- Our works multiply the works of Jesus
- Our works extend the impact of the Kingdom
- Our works bring glory to the Father