

“Hope”

Jeremiah 32:6-8

Romans 8:18-25

- As a group re-read the scripture
- What is the greatest suffering you’ve had to endure?
 - Did it seem like it would never stop?
- JD talked about the way kids hope for presents at Christmas time. They start talking about it in September.
 - How does this reflect the hope we should have as Christians?
 - How is their hope different than the hope we have as Christians?
- Jesus does not give us insurance or warranties so that we don’t have to have faith or dependance on Him.
 - How is your relationship with Jesus?
 - Do you live like you’ve bought an insurance policy or warranty and don’t have to change?
 - Do you live like you have hope in Him to see you through?
- Jeremiah bought a field filled with his enemies based on God’s commands. It didn’t make sense but, God insisted he do it anyway.
 - What is God asking you to do that doesn’t make sense?
 - How will you react?
- In Romans 8: 18 Paul compares all the pain, suffering, and hurt in our present world to the joy of heaven and knowing Jesus. He said it was “nothing”, and it means nothing!
 - How does that scripture sit with you?
 - How do you live out your response?
- In his work *The Divine Comedies* Dante imagined the sign hanging over the gates of Hell, it reads: “Abandon All Hope, Ye Who Enter Here”
 - What is the sign above your door as a Christian?
- JD talked about his friend Mariah in Indiana and how she reached out to him in hope. He talked about people in those situations and their “Hope Meter”. He talked about talking with people in their times of suffering losing or gaining hope.
 - How is your Meter today?
 - How can the group help you if you need a refill?