

Hope for Everyone

SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

I. Introduction

Why does God give us hope?

II. First: Because He Loves us ...

III. Second: He wants us to live in love.

IV. We are called to be Ambassadors of Hope

- It won't be Easy.

V. Seeing How we Win: Revelation 11:1-14

VI. The First thing we see: The world can harm us, but it cannot separate us from God.

VII. The Second thing we see: The cross we bear proceeds the crown we wear.

Discussion Questions

Sharing Life Together

1. How would you describe your level of hope right now?
2. What obstacle or fear tries to steal hope from you?

Reflecting on the Message Together

1. Why do you think God gives us hope? Why only hope and not absolute certainty?
2. What are ways the church can live into and demonstrate to the world racial reconciliation - that every tribe, every tongue, every people group, and every color - is the destiny God is creating for His redeemed humanity?
3. Read Revelation 11:1-14. What stands out to you from this passage?
4. The world can physically harm us so we will die, but we are still safe. This is the meaning of the image of the measuring of the temple and trampling of the outer courts. How do you make sense of this to a non-believer who is trying to understand the way of Christian witness?
5. Revelation 11 shows that the witness that leads to repentance is when the church follows Jesus through the way of the cross. It isn't judgment and it's not simply words, but it is words with resurrection power (love that is willing to suffer) that changes hearts and draws people to God. What from your experience supports this idea? What from your experience would cause you to reject or doubt this idea?
6. What stood out to you from the example of Martin Luther King Jr. and his leadership in the civil-rights movement in the 1960s?
7. How, as the church of Jesus Christ, are we going to make a difference in what is happening in our society today?
8. Even though Paul was focused on winning the prize for which God had called him heavenward in Christ Jesus, do you think he made the world around him a better place? Why or why not?
9. How did God speak to you through the message?
10. How can we pray for one another?