



**Home Group Discussion Guide**  
**September 19-25, 2021 – The Soul of Community – A Hopeful Community**

**Devotion:** Why do we hope? How do we hope? These are questions that I find playing like a record over and over again in my thought life pretty regularly. This idea of being a hopeful community sounds so beautiful. However, it is so much easier said than done. I find hope to be a daily practice for me, not an emotional response or feeling.

I choose to hope. I choose to believe. I choose to have hope in the midst of my circumstance. If we can be discouraged and persuaded that there is nothing worth hoping for, then we will live defeated and that defeat will be felt by those around us.

**Isaiah 40:31** reads, “**But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.**” **Hebrews 10:32**, “**Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.**” **The kingdom is designed that we would choose hope and in that choice, or what may feel like a sacrifice, we would be strengthened. Let us be a people that face impossible situations and still cling to the hope of the Gospel. We will not be disappointed when we hope in Jesus.**

**Scripture – Read Colossians 1:3-6**

- Question 1: How do you have hope in a difficult situation?
  
- Question 2: Is there a specific area in your life that the Lord is asking you to have hope?
  
- Question 3: What hinders you from hoping?

**How is it with your soul?** (Go around and share as you look back to the “good and the bad” of this week and then look forward to what you can do or where you want to see God move this week.)

- o Where have you seen God this week?
- o Where have you struggled this week?
- o How can you be open to God/the Holy Spirit this week?

**Prayers**