Discussion Title: Hope	**Category**: Relationships

Opening:

Pick 6 individuals to share. 5 minutes total.

Q. **What is one thing that you hoped for as a kid? A dream?**
Hope is what gives us the strength to go and tackle the future. We're going to discuss what the Bible says about hope.

Q. **What are some things we hope for?**
- Success in career
- Success in sports, hobbies
- School
- Girlfriend/Wife

Q. **Looking at the world, does the world have a lot of hope in it?**
- Marriage/divorces as bad as ever
- Corruption in government/immorality
- STD rampant

The Bible holds out a hope that lasts.

Lesson:

Pick 1-2 individuals to answer each question (Q).

Keep track of time during the discussion. Keep the discussion focused and on point. Avoid going off on a tangent topic.

Additional notes:

1 Peter 1:3-9 Recap**.**
- Labeled, confined, confused, trapped

Q. **What kind of hope are we talking about?**

Q. **What does this hope produce?**
- Inexpressible, glorious joy
- Knowing we have received the goal
- Purpose
- Eternal relationship with God
- Salvation

Remember back on the greatest thing we hoped for.

Q. **What did we have to do to receive/accomplished them?**
- Cost something
- Money
- Time
- Pride/effort
- Break off or change relationships
- Plans, dreams, goals, aspirations

We were willing to give up something to get something better.
In order to have the hope of that relationship with God, it will cost us something.

Luke 14:33 says it will cost everything to be a disciple of Jesus.

Q. **What will it cost you?**
- Your pride
- Your sin
- Your goals, dreams, plans
- Your desire to be in control

Q. **But what will you gain?**
- Jesus, and that is the ultimate that anyone can gain! We then have a living hope!

Conclusion:
Make a decision to have the hope that cannot be diminished or taken away.