



Jesus Is... Hope

Background – This series is designed to explore the nature and character of Jesus Christ. He is the key to understanding everything in life and the only way to have a relationship with God.

Key Verse/Scripture Memory – **Romans 15:13**

Sermon Guide

1. [Romans 15:13](#)

May the God of **hope** fill you with all **joy** and **peace** as you **trust** in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

2. Concepts & Opposites

2.1 Hope vs. Despair - [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#)

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

2.2 Joy vs. Depression - [Acts 5:41](#)

The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

2.3 Peace vs. Anxiety - [Luke 10:41-42](#)

Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one.

2.4 Trust vs. Doubt - [Romans 8:28](#)

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

3. Application

3.1 Hope During

During this season, what are the things that you can build into your weekly schedule to give you hope?

3.2 Hope After

What are you looking forward to doing after this season is over?

3.3 Take-aways

What are the things that God is teaching you through this season that you will take away?

Discuss together:

- 1) Share something you have “hoped” for, it can be something “small” or “simple.”
- 2) Reflect on Romans 15:13 and break it into three parts. What prayer was Paul asking of God? What action did Paul expect from God’s children? What would be the anticipated result of Paul’s answered prayer?
- 3) Consider the concepts and opposites in Point Two of the sermon outline. Which of the opposites are you most struggling with right now? Pray for God to replace that emotion with the nature and power of the Holy Spirit. What might be an anticipated result of this answered prayer?
- 4) Micah 7:7 tells us, “But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.” Is this true for you? Do you watch and wait for the Lord, or do you just run ahead of where He is or become frustrated or impatient in the waiting and the hoping? Discuss what God is currently teaching you.

Resources:

Gospel in Life. (2015 Aug 10). *Peace: Overcoming Anxiety* – Timothy Keller [Sermon]
[Video file]. Retrieved from <https://youtu.be/vduGmlISacQ>