



“Celebrate Hope!”
Celebrate! Series
Pastor Mark
9.29.19

Memory verse: *“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, he has risen!” Luke 24:5-6*

Luke 24:50-53

We have hope because:

- 1) Jesus is **ALIVE**.
 - Luke 24:5-6
 - Evidence of Jesus' resurrection:
 - A) **EXTRA-BIBLICAL** sources
 - 1st Century historian Flavious Josephus
 - B) **BROKEN** Roman seal
 - C) **EMPTY** tomb
 - D) Large stone **MOVED**
 - E) **ROMAN GUARDS** gone
 - F) Empty **GRAVECLOTHES**
 - G) Jesus' **APPEARANCES**
 - H) Over **500** witnesses
 - 1 Corinthians 15:3-8
 - I) Real proof: The **DISCIPLES' LIVES**
- 2) Jesus is **COMING BACK**
 - John 14:1-3
 - Luke 24:52
 - Matthew 28:20
 - Luke 24:53
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:16

C3 Group Questions

Last Week's Next Steps: Did you gather at C3 on Sunday to express your faith? Did you build your faith this week through consistent time in prayer & God's Word? If so share what stood out to you in your time with God?

Ice Breaker:

Each person answer one of the following questions:

- What day of the year can you hardly wait for? Why?
- What long-awaited "prize" was worth the wait (season tickets, driver's license, etc)?

Review:

What one thing stood out to you (either helpful, insightful or troubling) from the weekend's message?

Group Discussion:

Read Luke 24:45-53. Why do the disciples react so differently when Jesus is taken away now (vv 50-53) compared to when He was taken away by crucifixion?

Of the 9 different evidences of the resurrection of Jesus mentioned in this weekend's message, which evidence(s) stood out to you the most? Why?

Read John 14:1-3. How do the first sentence & the last sentence in this passage speak to you & bring hope?

Why do you think Jesus tells us to "not let our hearts be troubled"? Do you think we actually have the choice to "not let our hearts be troubled"? If so, how?

Read Acts 1:10-11 & Matthew 28:20b. How could these passages put things in perspective & bring hope to someone facing struggles or circumstances?

How can this group pray for you this week? Who in this group can you pray for this week?

This Week's Next Steps: (*"Do not merely listen to the word.....Do what it says."* James 1:22)

Memorize & reflect on this verse this week: *"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, he has risen!"* Luke 24:5-6

In what area(s) of your life do you need to celebrate hope? How has the fact that Jesus rose from the dead & is coming back again given you hope?