

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. What does HOPE mean to you?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. How was your thanksgiving?
 - a. Did you get a chance to help out with feed 8,000?
 - b. Do you have any highlights/stories from that experience?
3. We are now officially in a season of Advent. What is Advent? Why do you think we celebrate it?
4. Have you ever been in a season of life where you were completely hopeless? What was that like?
5. Please read Romans 5:1-11. In verse 2, what do you think Paul meant when he talked about us having an "*Undeserved Privilege.*" Have you ever thought about your relationship with Jesus as an undeserved privilege?
6. In verses 3-5 Paul talks about how going through difficulties will strengthen our faith and endurance. Can you think about a time in your life where you experienced this?
7. Verse 8 says that Jesus died for us while we were still sinners. In other words, when we were at our worst, Christ died for us. What does that tell you about the love of God?

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8. What do you think about the fact that Jesus even died for those whom he knew would not accept him?

9. Do you know anyone who thinks they are not welcome at church because of their past? What should you tell that person?

10. Do you know anyone who needs to hear a message of hope? If so, how can you encourage them this week?

Application

Below are the main points of the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- We have ALL been made right in God's sight by the blood of Jesus.

- Christ LOVES YOU and GAVE HIS LIFE FOR YOU!

- TAKE HOPE IN THE FACT THAT JESUS LOVES YOU AND OFFERS A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM THAT IS BEYOND ANYTHING WE COULD EVER EARN OR DESERVE!