

God's Perfect Gifts

Hope

Outline:

- I. Example: Abraham
 - a. Romans 4:1
 - b. What does this have to do with hope?
 - i. Romans 4:18–25

Lesson from Abraham: Even when there seems to be no hope, we still have hope
- II. Hope in God's promises to us
 1. God promises to be with us: Matthew 1:23
 2. God promises to count us righteous for those who believe in Jesus: Romans 4:23–24
 3. God promises us eternal life and eternal security: John 10:28
 4. God promises to strengthen us: Ephesians 3:16–19
 5. God promises us mental peace: Isaiah 26:3
 6. God promises us rest: Matthew 11:28–29
 7. God promises He will work all things out for good: Romans 8:28
 8. God promises us comfort in our trials: 2 Corinthians 1:3–4
 9. God promises to take care of all our needs: Matthew 6:31–33
 10. God promises us that Jesus is coming again: Romans 8:18, 22–28

Questions for individual Bible Study and/or Group Discussion

1. What's your favorite tradition(s) of the Christmas season? Why?
2. When you hear the word hope, what comes to mind?
3. Go through the 10 promises from God listed above:
 - a. What do you learn about hope in each promise?
 - b. Which ones are speaking to your life right now?
 - c. Which ones can you encourage someone else in your life with?
4. What do you observe from this statement: *Hope is confidence that God is at work. Hope doesn't rely on whatever circumstance you find yourself in. Hope has everything to do with the living God and trusting in Him.*
5. If Christmas is a difficult time of year for you, how can you find the hope in this season?
6. Why does the promise of Jesus coming again give us the ultimate hope of all?