Prayer Concerns:

Hope is With Us

Luke 1:26-38 & Luke 24:13-27 [Page 1588]

"We had hoped that He was the One."

What is hope?

1. _____ of the _____

2. _____

3. The _____ of _____

Hope is the _____ of _____
on the _____ and _____ of God.

Our hope is that:

1. Jesus _____ to make _____

2. In the meantime, _____ in our _____

3. Our suffering is not in _____

4. In all things, God works for the good of those who love Him and who have been called according to His purpose. [Rom. 8:28]

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. What are your hopes for this Advent Season?

Digging Deeper:

Read Luke 1:26-38

1. Why was Mary "greatly troubled" at Gabriel's announcement? What did Mary ask him in verse 34? Is "How can this be?" a common question we ask the Lord?

2. Read Luke 24:13-17. Why were the disciples' faces "downcast"? What had they hoped for in Jesus? How did Jesus disappoint them?

3. John Mark Comer asked, "What if disappointment is an emotional signal from our body that our hope was set on the wrong object? What if disappointment comes with a gentle invitation from the Spirit to recenter our heart's desire?" If so, how can disappointment be a good thing?

4. Hope can be defined as the expectation of coming good based on the person and promises of God. Why, then, can it be so hard to wait patiently on the Lord?

5. Review the four truths we place our trust in from the sermon outline. Which one is most challenging for you?

6. Read Romans 4:18-21. What does it mean that Abraham hoped "against all hope"? How can we follow his example today?

Taking it Home:

1. Read and reflect on Romans 5:1-5. How are you encouraged and challenged by these verses?