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STUDY GUIDE

WEEK 8  
**HOPE**

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## INTRODUCTION

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12 NIV*

Hope is defined as “an earnest expectation of good.” Throughout the Bible God frequently encourages us to put our hope in him. When we’re faced with desperate circumstances we can have a confident expectation of good because we have a God who is faithful, good, and strong.

## DISCOVER

Below you will find questions for use in your own personal study, Bible study, neighborhood gathering, or dinner table with family and friends. Record your answers to help you reflect on and share the things God is teaching you.

Read: Hebrews 11:1-16

According to verse 1, what is the relationship between faith and hope? Do you see a connection between faith and hope in your life?

Verses 13-16 describe the longing these faithful saints had for a true and perfect spiritual home. What role does hope play in our effort to remain faithful followers of Jesus?

Describe a situation in which it was/is hard for you to have hope. What are some ways you have cultivated hope in your life?

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Read: Romans 8:18-27

How does Paul's hope help him deal with difficulty? What is the result of facing difficulties without hope?

Paul talks about the sufferings of all of creation, and the redemption to come. How can we let our hope in Christ motivate us to partake now in this redemption? What kind of things can the Church (we) do now to begin this reconciliation?

Have you ever experienced supernatural hope in the midst of turmoil? According to Paul, what role does the Holy Spirit play when we're weak and unable to express our need to God?

## PRAY

Seeking and listening to God in prayer are vital to our relationship with him. Take a moment to encounter God in prayer before you conclude your study.

Ask God to help you experience hope that is rooted in him and goes beyond your circumstances.

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## ACT

The best thing you can do to grow in your relationship with Jesus this week is to put into practice the discoveries you've made during your study.

Is there a social issue that you find hopeless? Homelessness in your city? Food insecurity? The disintegration of the family? The sanctity of life? How can you begin to bring hope into these situations? Visit [oakhillschurch.com/cityserve](http://oakhillschurch.com/cityserve) to find opportunities to bring hope to our city.

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

Filling our hearts and minds with the Word of God enables us to discern what is right and true. Use these additional scripture passages to continue your study this week.



**YOUVERSION** DAYS 50-56



Romans 12:9-12



2 Corinthians 4:1-18



Romans 8:28



Romans 15:13



Hebrews 11:1-6



Psalms 71:1-24



2 Samuel 7:1-17



Proverbs 13:12



Revelation 21:1-8



John 14:9-14



Colossians 1:3-14, 25-29