

Questions for Conversation
November 28, 2021

The Heart of Christmas: The Hopeful Heart

1. If you had to come up with a definition for “hope,” what would it be? Do you know anyone with a particularly hopeful heart?
2. Read Isaiah 40:1–11. What stands out to you?
3. **Comfort:** Do you think Isaiah’s original audience would have been comforted by these promises? Are you?
4. **Clarity:** How does your hope in Christ bring clarity to your life?
5. **Character:** Do you see hope as rooted in a change in circumstances, or in the unchanging character of God? How have you experienced the strength or tenderness of God?
6. Read Isaiah 40:27–31 (or 40:12–31, if you have time!). What stands out to you?
7. **Courage:** Do you feel like one of the “exhausted majority”? Does your hope in Christ give you courage?
8. Where are you holding onto hope? Where do you need your strength renewed?
9. What might offering hope to someone else look like?