

Questions for Conversations Advent Edition

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What questions do you have about today's message?

What is the difference between real, biblical hope and wishful thinking?

What does it look like to have hope?

Rob suggested the deck is stacked against people having hope today. Do you think this is worse than ever or has it always been this way? Why?

What do you know about optimism and pessimism? Are they choices? Are they the result of lived experiences? Are they hardwired into our brains like personality traits?

If you were to help someone catch the "wonder" of hope, how would you communicate it? Is there a poem, painting, story (Bible, story from your life) that you would share?

How might we help others become people of hope? Is Hope shared, given, caught, etc.?

Share and prayer needs that you have. (especially, but not limited to the area of hope)

Practice

Make at least one phone call this week to someone who you think is feeling lonely or struggling. Let him or her know that he or she is in your thoughts. Ask how you can serve him or her. Keep him or her close to your heart in prayer today.

Have you settled on who that person is?