6. How does your faith in God and relationship with Jesus give you hope?

7. Where do you see the hope of Mary coming from as she carried the unborn Jesus in her womb? See Luke 1:46-55

8. Proverbs 13:12: What does "hope deferred makes the heart sick" look like in real life? Where are you feeling discouraged or worn down by waiting?

9. Where does your life most need God centered hope this week?

Let's Pray:

Sermon Notes

"Hope is More than Wishful Thinking"
1 Peter 1:1-16
November 29, 2026

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 11-29-2026

Getting Started:

1. In what ways do you find yourself placing hope in temporary things (like circumstances, people, or achievements) instead of Jesus?

2. What is the inheritance that God promises us as saved believers in Christ? (1 Peter 1:4-5, Heb. 9:15)

3. How are faith and hope connected? (Heb. 11:1, Romans 5:1-5, 1 Thes. 1:3)

4. What is our living hope? (1 Peter 1:3)

5. What specific aspects of God's nature (faithfulness, power over death) make your hope in Him firm, faithful, sure, reliable, and stable?