

HOPE

Important Words:

Meanings of the Words We Use

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God Almighty, You have given us a hope in Jesus that will not disappoint us. Sustain us in that hope that we may cling to you always. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

1. How is the word “hope” used in daily life? What do people refer to when they use the word “hope”?

2. What is your definition of “hope”?

3. How do people in our culture speak of “hope”?

4. What's the dictionary definition of “hope”?

5. What is the trouble with our hope being in earthly things? Why is hoping in God different and better? Read Psalm 33:17–19 and 1 Corinthians 15:19.

6. What is to be our ultimate hope as the people of God? What is meant by “the redemption of our bodies” in Romans 8:23–25?

7. The Apostle Paul experienced much hardship in his life, and often, the things he hoped for in this world did not materialize. But when those hopes were crushed, what hope remained? Read 2 Corinthians 1:8–10. What does this mean for us?

8. Why is our hope so certain, according to 1 Corinthians 15:20–23?

CLOSING PRAYER

Merciful Father, this world offers much and delivers so little. Grant us to know that what You promise You also deliver. As You raised up Your Son from the grave, raise us up also on the Last Day according to Your promise. Amen.