

Hope

A Different Kind of Hope

28 April 2019

Key Scriptures
Romans 8:18-21

Talking through the message during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps.

Questions – Talking Points

- Were there any parts that need more clarification? What stood out? What did you not understand? What did you see in a new light?
- What causes you to lose hope?
- What do you fear the most?

Read Romans 8:18-21

The world around us is full of pain and suffering. In the midst of this reality it can often be difficult to find a sense of hope. To fully appreciate the incomprehensible glory that is going to be revealed to us, we first need to appreciate the full magnitude of the sufferings of this present age. As we engage with the painful news of our world, we turn our eyes to the coming hope that is grounded in the resurrected Christ.

- What are your personal sufferings/sources of hopelessness?
- Where is our hope?
- What do you think Paul means by *“our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed is us”*?
- How might this good news of a different kind of hope help alleviate your own pain?
- How did this hope enable the disciples to love their enemies?
- What does it mean for us to live in a Good Friday world, when it looks like death, sin & the enemy have the upper hand?
- How do you consciously keep your eyes on the resurrected Lord?
- What does it mean for us as kingdom people to be participating in advancing all creation into her resurrected glory, here and now?
- What are some ways can you extend the hope of Jesus in your family, neighborhood, city?
- How do you live with the tension of Jesus is risen, but the world is not yet changed?

Spend some time letting yourself be loved, deeply loved, by the resurrected Lord who has taken away your shame, brokenness and hopelessness. Let this radical love move you from your Good Friday world into your Easter Sunday promise.

This Week

- Interact and reflect over the above questions
- Whenever you feel fear or a sense of angst or of hopelessness this week, consciously turn it over to Jesus.

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