



## Sermon Discussion Guide

April 27 & 28, 2024

"In Your Presence"

[John 5:2-9](#)

This month's sermon series, "Hope Stories" highlight transformation only God can do. Jesus told a lot of stories. He told simple stories about everyday life to help his followers comprehend the deepest and most challenging spiritual truths. Good stories can be unforgettable, remind us of who we are, reveal truth, change our minds (repentance), turn us right side up, inspire us, and point us to a whole new (and better) way of life. Join us as we explore these stories.

### PRAY & CONNECT

Open in prayer and invite the Holy Spirit into your conversation. Ask God for wisdom and discernment and trust him to guide you. Take time to recap the message or view it on [HopeOnline.tv](#). Did you have any "ah-ha" moments where you felt convicted, compelled, or inspired during the sermon? What's been on your mind this week? Have you been able to apply the message to your everyday life?

### GROW

#### Read [John 5:2-9](#) - "The Healing at the Pool"

Have you ever needed healing? Have you ever prayed for healing and it happened? Have you ever prayed for healing and it didn't happen? What does that feel like? Why does that happen?

#### Read [Psalm 25:16-17](#) - "Psalm of David"

Have you ever been there? Have you felt like the David when he wrote this? Have you ever felt like you couldn't catch a break? What is that like? How does it affect your faith? What does God provide us in those times?

#### Read [Genesis 2:18](#) & [Ecclesiastes 4:9-10](#)

Why isn't it good for us to be alone? What happens when we isolate? When do you tend to isolate from others? Why do we do that? What does community bring to us? How does it make things easier?

#### Read [Psalm 23](#) - "A psalm of David"

What does it mean for God to be our shepherd? What does that look like in our lives? How can we surrender our lives to him? What does that do for our grief? What are you grieving right now? How can you surrender that to God? How can you allow others to support you in that?

### APPLY

If you're grieving something, find your community and allow them to support you in this season. If you're not in grief, think about the people in your life who are. Reach out to them and help them carry that burden. Remind them of God's presence.