



Sermon Discussion Guide

Nov. 2 & 3, 2024

“Celebrate 30 Years of the Miracle Called Hope”

[Matthew 16:13-18](#)

During the month of November, we'll be having a giving campaign called Building Hope for Tomorrow. We believe God is calling Hope to position ourselves for future generations. Over the next few weeks, we'll be talking a lot about this vision. Be praying about what God wants to do through you to reach out to the world around us!

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 15:5](#) – “I Am the True Vine”

- What does it mean to you personally to “remain” in Jesus? Are there any areas of your life where you feel disconnected from him?
- How do you sense God might be inviting you to bear more fruit in this season of your life? What changes or steps of faith could help make this happen?
- Reflect on times when you've tried to accomplish things “apart from” Jesus. How did those experiences compare with times when you felt deeply connected to him?

Read [Matthew 16:13-18](#) – “Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ”

- When Jesus asks, “Who do you say I am?”, he's inviting his followers to define their relationship with him. How would you answer this question for yourself today?
- Peter's bold declaration of faith led to Jesus giving him a new identity and purpose. How might God be calling you to grow in your understanding of your own purpose as a follower of Christ?
- Jesus entrusted Peter with a mission despite his imperfections. How does this encourage you in areas where you feel weak or inadequate? Have you ever felt like God can't use you because you aren't perfect? What does this story say about that belief?

Read [Acts 1:8](#) – “The Ascension”

- Jesus promises the power of the Holy Spirit for his followers to be witnesses. How can you invite the Holy Spirit to empower you in your life right now?
- Where do you feel God is calling you to be a witness in your everyday interactions — in your family, friendships, or workplace?
- Reflect on what it means to be a witness for Christ. Are there any personal barriers, like fear or doubt, that you sense God calling you to overcome?

Read [Luke 10:2](#) – “Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two”

- Jesus asks his followers to pray for more workers for the harvest. How does this shape your understanding of your own role in God's work? What specific areas might God be prompting you to “step into the harvest”?
- Where do you see “plentiful harvests” — people in need of God's love or truth — around you? How can you respond to these needs?
- As you reflect on this passage, how do you feel God is inviting you to grow in prayer or compassion for those who don't yet know Him?

APPLY

This week, spend time praying about how God is calling you to be a part of Building Hope for Tomorrow. Consider areas to grow, ways to give, people you can serve or specific prayers you feel called to bring before God for the sake of others. Whether through performing a simple act of service, inviting someone to church or praying for Hope's continued growth, seek ways to actively participate in God's work through Building Hope for Tomorrow this week.