



Week of February 18
"Real Hope"

Study the Word

What is hope?

The word "hope" commonly means "wishful thinking" or "to desire with anticipation." The word "hope" in the Bible ("elpis" - Greek), means "confidence toward the future." Look at these verses and make note of who has "hope," why they have it, and what it looks like.

Galatians 5:5

Ephesians 2:12

Colossians 1:5

1 Timothy 4:10

Titus 1:2; 2:11-13

Hebrews 10:23

1 Peter 1:3, 13

Those "in Christ" are called to share this hope. What do we learn from these Scriptures?

Ephesians 1:18

Colossians 1:27

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

1 Timothy 5:5; 6:17

1 Peter 3:15

1 John 3:3

Discuss Together

If hope is 'confidence in our future,' what are other places that people put their confidence?

From Scriptures you read above, how can we share the hope that we have in Christ? What enables us? What is necessary?

Why does it feel difficult to share the hope we have? What might change this?

Pray

- Pray for the people in your world who might be without hope
- Pray through Ephesians 1:18 -19 for one another and Trinity Church

Apply It This Week

Walk through your week, praying for the people you think are without hope.