



Sermon Discussion Questions



Why We Need Hope

1. Whether it has been 6 months, a year, or 10+ years, take a moment to reflect on the length of time you have been part of RHCCC's 40 years of history. What would you consider to be one of your most cherished memories here?
2. How do you see yourself as a part of RHCCC's community? How would you like to continue being part of RHCCC's mission and vision?
3. We invite you to give thanks with us to God in prayer for the 40 years He has blessed our church with and all that He has in store for us.

Worship: Expressing our Hope

1. In what ways do you see worship as part of your personal and communal lives? Are there ways in which you or your fellowship can improve this expression of hope in your lives?
2. As we reflect on God's work among us, how has He used you in building up this faith community at RHCCC?
3. How can we continue to demonstrate our expression of hope that God will renew our church in the future?

Fellowship: Nurturing our Hope

1. Think of the people that God has placed in your life in the church community. Who are the individuals you regularly fellowship with and who have helped you deepen your hope in the Lord?
2. Acts 2:42-47 exemplifies for us what a vibrant, Spirit-led model of Christian community looks like. In what ways does our community exemplify similar traits, and alternatively, how can we grow to become a more Spirit-led community?
3. How can you encourage others to join our 40th Anniversary blessing initiatives? Consider planning something with your fellowship or grab a friend!

Discipleship: Deepening our Hope

1. How has your personal growth as a disciple of Jesus been as of late – i.e. your regular time spent in worship, Bible reading, prayer, and stewardship, etc. – and how would you like to continue growing?

2. In what ways do you struggle to lean into God's promises even during seasons of trial? How can you learn to trust God's power and faithfulness in your day-to-day lives?
3. Discipleship leads to multiplication – one fruitful disciple can plant seeds that grow into an orchard of believers. Consider what ways you or your fellowship can practice greater accountability as you walk with each other and grow in faith together.

Ministry: Embodying our Hope

1. Hope in Christ is not a private feeling—it's a public calling. What does it look like for you or your fellowship to put your hope on the stand this year (Matthew 5:15)?
2. As those called to minister through who we are and where we've been, God often uses things like our gifts and strengths, passions and burdens to build up those around us. Who needs the light of hope that you carry?
3. Reflect on how your life has been a testimony of God's hope to those we love and serve. How will you continue living out your God-given calling at RHCCC?

Mission: Sharing our Hope

1. What is one way Jesus has made a difference in your life? How can you share that hope with someone who may be struggling in a similar way? Reflect on how your own journey/story might serve as a bridge to connect others with God's love.
2. What are some ways you can show your hope in Jesus to others in a way that connects with their real-life struggles, while still being gentle and respectful? Discuss practical ways to reflect Christ in relationships at work, home, or the community and how the gospel might speak to their needs and questions.
3. What fears or challenges make it hard for you to share your faith and how might understanding the gospel better help you get past those fears? Encourage others to consider how the truth of the gospel can give us the courage to share with love and confidence.