



TALK IT OVER



HOPE PROJECT

WEEK 6

Group leader,

Please have a plan ready for your Hope Service Project to review with your group at the end of your time together.



ICE BREAKERS

- It's a strange time we live in! Have you had any strange experiences lately?
- Have you or anyone you know come down with COVID-19? Have you had to take a COVID-19 test or been worried about being exposed?



READ

1 Peter 4:7-8 (NLT)

"The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers. Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins."



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. How do you feel when you hear that Jesus coming back soon?
2. What do these verses tell us to prioritize since our time on earth is limited, and why?
3. What does Peter say we should do regarding our prayer life? Why do you think he says that?
4. When you pray to God, is it more like: a) trying to get out of trouble with a teacher; b) asking Santa for some stuff you want; or c) talking to a dear friend?
5. How would you like to see your prayer life grow? What steps can you take this week toward that end?

6. How does knowing that this life is temporary change how you think or act?
7. What does it mean to you to live out your eternal purpose? If you are a Christ-follower, what does it mean to you that God saved you from an empty life?
8. How is your love for God right now?
9. What habits in your life reflect your eagerness to know God more deeply? What habits would you like to add to your routine?



(OPTIONAL) READ

Romans 13:9-13 (NLT)

“For the commandments say, “You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not covet.” These—and other such commandments—are summed up in this one commandment: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God’s law. This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here. So remove your dark deeds like dirty clothes, and put on the shining armor of right living. Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all to see. Don’t participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or in sexual promiscuity and immoral living, or in quarreling and jealousy.”



(OPTIONAL) QUESTION TO CONSIDER

What’s so urgent about loving others? How does this apply to the needs around us these days?



PRAYER

Discuss/review the Hope Service Project your group will do this summer.

God we thank you for being good and showing us how to do good like you do. Thank you for giving us so much Hope in the midst of suffering. Father show us how to have your perspective in our day-to-day difficulties. Show us how to walk in hope, how to be helpful and generous to others, and how to speak with grace as we represent you to the world. You are our source of hope and life and we will receive and share your hope today! In Jesus’ name, Amen.