



LIFEGROUPS

Sermon: Hope and Timing

Scripture: 1 Samuel 31:1-13

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—[**LET'S TALK**]—

- Besides the Bible, what is one of the most life-changing books you've ever read? What led you to read it?

—[**LET'S WARM UP**]—

- What does the world point to as things that give a life significance?
- Is it possible to have everlasting hope without God? Why or why not?
- What does it mean to be emotionally secure or insecure?
- How would you react if you lost the things in which you find significance?

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- Read Job 1:8-21, 2:2-10 and talk about perseverant hope.
 1. From where does Satan accuse people of drawing hope in God? Is he correct?
 - i. If Satan were correct, what would this imply about God and His designs?
 2. How does God respond to Satan's accusation? What does God show with His response?
 3. Why won't Job "curse God and die?" What is Job's hope in? (read Job 38-40 for help)
- Read Philippians 3:7-21 and talk about where we find significance and security in life
 1. What is the "surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus?" Why is it of "surpassing worth?"
 2. How does Paul treat his possessions and achievements in light of that worth?
 3. Paul warns of people whose "god is their stomach, and their glory is their shame." What might that have looked like in Paul's time? What might that look like today?
 4. What does Paul seek and why should we emulate him?

—[**LET'S ACT**]—

- Let go of something significant in your life for God's glory. There are many ways to let go of something, but this could mean dropping a habit or hobby and devoting that time to developing a relationship with someone on your Adopt 7. Or it could mean giving a significant possession away to bless another person's life. Or it could even mean shifting a significant goal in your life to something different. You decide what to do, but challenge yourself to make sure that your hope is in God alone.

