

JOEL: THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE

Life Group Questions | Sunday, December 1, 2019

How do you access the news? How does the news typically impact your sense of hopefulness or hopelessness?

Read Jeremiah 32:6-15. This story takes place during the darkest time in Israel's history. The prophet Jeremiah is in prison and Babylon has invaded Israel. How does that context impact your reading? What do you find compelling or interesting about this story? What questions do you have?

What role does HOPE play in this story? How would you describe HOPE?

Read Lamentations 3:22-26. Biblical HOPE can be defined as a strong & confident expectation that God will do what God promised to do. Can you recall a life circumstance or decision you made that was rooted in this kind of HOPE? How did you see God's faithfulness in that?

Read Jeremiah 32:16-25. What do you notice about Jeremiah's prayer? How do you think his prayer is related to his decision to purchase the land?

Where is God inviting you to cultivate HOPE? What gets in the way of HOPE?

What would it look like for you to "buy into HOPE?" What is one practical way you can "buy into HOPE" this week?

Pray together. Begin by **reading Psalm 130.** Cultivate HOPE by taking turns naming ways you—like the watchmen looking for morning light—have seen signs of God's Kingdom this past week.