



Week One | Hope - Home Alone | 11.30-12.01.2019

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90 minute group gathering.

Message Recap: In the movie Home Alone, Kevin hopes to never see his family again. There are many things we put our hope in, especially when our circumstances feel hopeless. But what happens when we are able to put our hope in Jesus, trusting that He really does make life better? How can we share that hope with those around us this Christmas season?

» Opening (2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
 - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
 - **Remember there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

» Introduction (12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: What is your favorite part about Christmas?
- Digging Deeper: What are the challenges you're facing this Christmas season? How can the hope in Jesus help you as you face those challenges right now?

» Observation | Read Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | Hope can grow in the dark. (12 minutes)

- Isaiah is writing his book in a dark time with hope for the future; can you relate to a time or circumstance in your life where hope for the future helped in present challenges?

» A Promise in the Dark | Reread Isaiah 9:2 (12 minutes)

- What are some ways we misplace where we put our hope? Where have you misplaced hope?

» The Weight of the World | Reread Isaiah 9:6 (12 minutes)

- Where are you letting fear control you? What happens when you allow fear to control you? What might happen if you chose trust instead?

» A Kingdom Without End | Reread Isaiah 9:7 (12 minutes)

- In Home Alone, Kevin puts his trust in the wrong things, thinking they would be enough. What happens when enough isn't enough?

» Closing and Prayer | (15minutes)

- What are some things you are hoping for? Spend some time over the next week making 'hope lists,' not just gift lists, of what and who you are putting your hope in throughout the Christmas season.
- What is Jesus challenging you to do to help others this year in bringing them hope?
- Close by praying for one another to find hope in Jesus this Christmas season.