

# HE'S STILL \* GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS



## HOW TO PURSUE HOPE IN A HOPELESS WORLD

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Mark 14:17 – 31

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### MESSAGE NOTES

**Hope: A person or thing in which expectations are centered.**

*When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. While they were reclining at the table eating, He said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray Me — one who is eating with Me." — Mark 14:17 – 18*

*They were saddened, and one by one they said to Him, "Surely You don't mean me?" "It is one of the Twelve," He replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with Me." — Mark 14:19 – 20*

*While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take it; this is My body." — Mark 14:22*

*"You will all fall away," Jesus told them, "for it is written: 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee." — Mark 14:27 – 28*

*Peter declared, "Even if all fall away, I will not." — Mark 14:29*

**Can you maintain HOPE in God when there is no evidence of His activity in your ...**

... Life?

... Community?

... Country?

... World?

**How do we pursue HOPE in a hopeless world?**

— Live courageously in a world of unhappy endings.

— Plan. Dream. Pursue.

— Hold expectations loosely.

— What or whom you are hoping in will determine your ability to maintain HOPE in a hopeless world.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



- What is one thought or idea that stuck out to you from the message?
- What scripture verse impacted you from the message?
- What is one real life example of hope that you can think of?
- What are some common things where people place their hope?
- What would you tell someone who was entering a difficult trial?
- Without censoring your answer, respond to this question:  
"If only \_\_\_\_\_ happened, everything would be okay."
- Talk about why you answered it the way you did.
- What is one practical way we can pursue hope in a hopeless world?
- Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. How did Paul encourage the early Christians to persevere in times of difficulty?
- Why is it challenging to fix our attention and hope on God?
- Read Psalm 33:22. What does this verse speak to you?
- How can you use what you have learned about hope to help others?
- How can you use what you have learned about hope to better deal with your own situation?

