

Daily Growth

Use these 4-C questions below to help you study each day's scripture.

CELEBRATE: What can you praise God for from this passage?

CONFESS: Are you convicted of something you need to confess to God?

COMMIT: What commitment does this passage challenge you to make?

COMMUNICATE: What did you learn that you can share with someone?

Day 1: Read Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:18-23. In what ways does the news that God is with us give you hope? In what ways do you show how grateful you are for Jesus' gift of forgiveness of your sins? What is God saying to you (use the "4 C" questions)? In the Christmas story we see that God keeps His promises and that is why we have hope. For the rest of this week you will be reading promises that give hope. May these verses be a blessing to you.

Day 2: Read Philippians 4:13 and Ephesians 3:10-21. How do these verses give you hope? Where in your life do you need to claim God's strength? What is God saying to you (use the "4 C" questions)?

Day 3: Read 1 John 4:4. At what times do you need to be reminded that Immanuel who is in you is greater than one who is in the world? Memorize and repeat this verse to yourself everyday this December and see the difference it will make. What is God saying to you (use the "4 C" questions)?

Day 4: Read 2 Timothy 1:7. When it comes to following, serving or telling others about Jesus, what fears do you have? How does this promise help you with those fears and give you hope? Where in your life will you apply this verse? What is God saying to you (use the "4 C" questions)?

Day 5: Read Romans 8:31, 37-39. What is hopeful to you in these verses? Who are you letting stand against you? Nothing can separate God's love from you? Is there anything hindering your love for God? What is God saying to you (use the "4 C" questions)?

Day 6: Read Psalm 9:9-10. In what ways does this verse give you hope? How are you seeking God? Who do you know who needs this encouragement? What is God saying to you (use the "4 C" questions)?

ADVENT: Hope

1 Peter 1: 3-4

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

1. **Hope** is the _____ from which you build your life.
 - a. If you have _____, you can handle _____.
 - b. If you are going to _____, you need _____.
2. Why do we **need** hope?

How do we get **real** hope?

How do we **use** that hope?

- a. **Ask** God to reveal _____
- b. **Believe** _____
- c. **Look** to _____