

Connect Group notes for Sunday 11th March, 2019

Sermon series: Hope

Title: Hope rooted in love

The Bible, the word of God, is an invaluable tool for growth and development of our spiritual life as we learn to walk with Abba. Following on from Sunday's talk, it would be good to search God's Word

God's promises

Sometimes we face difficult situations and are not sure what to pray for. As Christians we are blessed with God's words in Scripture where we find His promises to His people and we can look at these promises and pray for the difference.

Share situations that you face and look at Scripture for promises that are relevant.

	Situation	God's promise
1	Facing and uncertain future	Jeremiah 29:11-13 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and <u>I will listen to you</u> . <u>You will seek me and find me</u> when you seek me with all your heart."
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Pray these promises into each situation.

In the coming days and weeks, keep praying, endure, persevere; keep coming back to the promise and where there is still a difference, pray some more. See how God fulfils His promises (which may be different to what we thought or hoped for).

Don't forget to give thanks for answered prayer.

Hope rooted in love

To have a "know-so" hope, rooted in the love of God for us, we need to remember that God loves us - no matter what. Find verses that tell of God's love for us. Note the expression of God's love e.g..

	Verse	Expression
1	Romans 5:5 "God's love has been poured into our hearts"	Poured = abundant, lavish
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Commit to each other to memorising 2 or 3 of the verses, meditate on them and next time you meet as a group, share those verses (from memory) and the impact they may have had on you.

As well as words, knowing God's love is also about relationship; set aside space in your busy week to spend time with Him each day. Perhaps focus on these verses that speak of God's love for you.