



Life Group Discussion Guide

**Expect the Unexpected**

**Advent- Hope Lives**

**Matthew 1:18-25**

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Main Thought: Hope is rooted in a God who fulfills His promises

Sunday Outline:

- Christmas Hope is about the promise of presence.
- Christmas Hope is about the provision of a peacemaker.
- Christmas Hope is about the promise of a new place.

Welcome & Fellowship Time *(Suggested Time 10 Minutes)*

Open in Prayer

Week in Review: *(Suggested Sharing Time 10 minutes)*

- What situations did you allow God to give you peace in this last week? How did you bring peace to situations with others this last week?

Discussion Starter: *(Suggested Time 5 minutes)*

- Spend some time sharing things you have hoped for. When the hope was realized, how did it measure up to what you'd hoped??

Sermon Review: *(Suggested Time 15 minutes)*

Review Matthew 1:18-25.

- What does it mean to you that God is with us?
- How is Christmas hope different than Hallmark hope?
- How does the fact that God is with us give you hope during this season?



Digging Deeper: *(Suggested Time 20 minutes)*

Read Romans 5:1-8 and discuss the following questions.

- According to Paul, how is hope developed?
- Why does this hope not disappoint?
- Who is the hope based on and what did he do to give us hope?
- Ultimately, according to Paul, what is this hope looking forward to?

Application: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

- There is no hope save for God Himself. Have you received His hope by trusting in Jesus, His death and resurrection?
- What promises of God can you put your hope in this Christmas season?
- In a world that is hungry for hope, who can you share hope with?

Group Prayer Requests: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

Spend time praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. *(Suggested time 10 minutes)*