

Through The Bible In One Year

The Adventure of Many Lifetimes

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Theme: Hope For Your Hopeless Situations
Week 42 Small Group Bible Study & Sunday School Lesson

Open (Sharing our Own Stories & Getting To Know One Another)

1. What is a good definition for a pessimist? For an optimist? 2. Which one sees reality most clearly? Why? 3. How do these positions affect the way a person deals with life's problems?

Going Deeper Into God's Word Together

Read aloud Jeremiah 29.4-14; Psalm 86.1-10; 1 Timothy 1.12-17.

Jeremiah: 1. Who sends the Israelites into exile? Why? 2. What hope did the Israelites have? What hope do Christians today have? 3. According to these verses, what causes God to listen to his people?

Psalm: 1. What is David's request? 2. For what reasons does David place his trust in God? 3. Why is God worthy of praise from all nations?

Timothy: 1. What can non-Christians learn from Paul's life? 2. How did Jesus continue to work in Paul's life? 3. How does God treat sinners who repent?

Reflecting On What God Is Telling Us:

1. What situations have caused you to feel hopeless? _____work _____family
_____finances _____friendships _____physical or mental health problems.
2. What hope can you take from today's lesson that will help you face future problems?

Applying/Putting Into Practice What God's Told Us

As a Christian, what words of encouragement can you speak to someone currently feeling hopeless?