

## **I COMMUNITY** (15 min.) Introduce yourselves.

**AMAZING!** What is Jesus doing in your life that you are simply amazed by? Why?

**THANK YOU!** How has someone given you encouragement this past week?

## **II DISCIPLESHIP**

**Big Idea:** Jesus alone is our Sure Hope. He is constantly seeking to move us from 'hopelessness' to living 'hope-filled' lives in Him.

**As you listened to the message, what thought did our Father impress upon you as to how to apply this message to your life? Why?**

### **A. Message Discussion** (50 min.) *Use bulletin message notes as you do this!*

**What were the conditions that the people of Israel were experiencing when Jesus Christ was born? How does Isaiah 9:1-6 describe those conditions?**

**What are you feeling hopeless about? Why?**

**What do you think most people are feeling hopeless about? Why?**

**Which of the 3 observations about hope are most helpful/meaningful to you?**

1. Hope has an object.
2. Hope is a continuum.
3. Hope has movement.

**Why?**

**How would you define Christian hope in your own words?**

**What do these passages add to your definition:**

Hebrews 6:9-20

Romans 4:16-25

Romans 8:22-25

**What is one thought about how Jesus seeks to move you from feeling hopeless to being 'hope-filled' from each of these stories?**

John 5:1-9      **Hopeless** invalid man healed by Jesus

Luke 18:16-22      **Hoping** rich young ruler disappointed by Jesus' answer

Mark 9:16-27      **Sure-hoping** father watching Jesus free his son

Luke 2:25-35      **Hope-filled** Simeon holding Jesus in his arms

**What do you think Kevin meant when he said:** *If our future is not secured and satisfied by Jesus, then we will be excessively anxious (experience paralyzing fear &/ or self-managing control) AND we'll not give ourselves to sacrificially loving others (we'll be self-focused not others-focused)?*

**Which of the two passages (Romans 8:31-32, Hebrews 12:1-3) is more helpful for you to strengthen your hope in Jesus Christ? Why?**

## **B. Discipleship Principles** (10 min.)

**GIVING THANKS!** Discuss the following two statements. Give personal examples. One of the key qualities of living as a follower of Jesus is the ability to give thanks to Him in all circumstances. Additionally, thanking those around us is a sign of maturity.

## **C. Accountability & Prayer** (30 min.)      Pray for each other

Break into two smaller groups (men & women)

Share how you are doing with your responsibilities (personally, home, work).

Share one thing you would like the group to pray for you this week.

## **III MISSIONAL LIVING** (15 min.)

**Rockpoint Reaching:** Serving inside and outside of Rockpoint. Choose 1 this week

How can you serve together as a Life Group within the walls of Rockpoint?

How can you serve together as a Life Group outside the walls of Rockpoint?

**Rockpoint Missionary:** Pray for your Rockpoint missionary.