

Life Together Group Questions
April 21, 2013
Where Is Your Hope?

- When a tragedy happens like what took place in Boston, West, TX or China, how do you find your own heart and mind responding? Have you experienced a personal tragedy of this type (death of a friend or loved one, terrible accident, etc)? How did you handle it?
- Read Psalm 20:7. Discuss the different things we can put our hope in. Are there any other passages that come to mind along these lines? (Psalm 118:8)
- Pastor Nathan talked about how we ought not be surprised by the brokenness of this world (see Romans 8:21-22) How do we keep this in mind and not be surprised but also remain compassionate toward a hurting world around us? (see Romans 12:14; 2 Cor. 1:3-5)
- Here are some of the reasons Pastor Nathan mentioned we can have hope in Christ:
 - **Reconciled us to Himself** – 2 Cor. 5:18; **Made us a new creation** – 2 Cor. 5:17; **Makes us His children** – John 1:12; **Gives us Eternal life** – Romans 6:23b; **Gives us life to the full** – John 10:10; **Is with us always** – Heb. 13:5b-6; **Gives us His Holy Spirit** – Rom. 8:9-10; **Gives us access to the throne room of God** – Heb.4:16; **Supplies all of our needs in Christ Jesus** – Phil. 4:19; **Gives us an inheritance that this world can never take away** -1 Peter 1:3-5
- What hope do you take comfort from in your relationship with Christ? How can you relate that hope and comfort to a hurting world?
- What comfort and hope can we take and express to our world that Jesus knows what it means to live this life? (Heb. 2:14-18; 4:14-16)
- Is there someone with whom you have had an opportunity to engage about the issue of “hope”?
- Who are you praying for to have the opportunity to engage?
- What seems to be the greatest challenge to having these kinds of conversations?
- How might God want to use you? (2 Cor. 5:16-20)
- What is a question you want to ask that did not get asked?