

# SUNDAY MORNING TEACHING GUIDE

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It's fair to say, hope really, really matters. For so many of us, hope is the only thing that can sustain us through difficult and confusing situations. Hope is powerful when we have it and when we lose it. People who know the story of Jesus should be people of profound hope.



## **READ AND DISCUSS**

Think back on moments where your hope has been threatened. Can you describe?

How does the story of Jesus create the ultimate source of hope for those who know it and believe it to be true?

Can you articulate the story of how Jesus brought hope to all of humanity?

Can you find the tinge of hope God shares in Genesis 3:15?

God says that there's going to be a solution to the brokenness we have brought into the world.

We see hints all through the Old Testament that hope is coming in the form of a savior. Can you find some of these hints? (Do a search... see Exodus, prophets, etc.)

Read: **Matthew 1:18-23**

What does the angel say in this passage that points to Jesus as this promised hope?

Do you believe that God's plan to solve the problem of sin has come through Jesus? What gives you that assurance?

## **APPLICATION**

Going into advent, we are anticipating and celebrating the hope that is Jesus. How is Jesus the source of your hope?

Look back on the story of Jesus to revive hope. And, trust in the continuing work of Jesus in your life to bring new hope everyday.