

October 16th, Hard-Wired for Hope
Part 5 in the series 'Human'

What were some things from Sunday's message that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

How would you complete the following sentence: The human being is the only animal that... ?

How would you define hope?

What are some of the results of hopelessness?

Know God, know hope. No God, no hope. In what ways does it give us hope to know God?

Read Romans 15:13

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

How are we filled with the hope God offers?

What is the purpose of God filling us with hope?

Jim said that uncertainty is for certain. How does hope (or hopelessness) affect the way we deal with uncertainty?

Galen, a Roman doctor, wrote about the early Christians who were being persecuted, “... fearlessness of death and the hereafter is something we witness in them every day...” Does this phrase describe you?

If hope is a favorable expectation about the future, what is the favorable future that we are looking to?

Jim asked: does your version of Christianity produce a death-defying hope or mere wishful thinking?

A wish can come true and still leave you hopeless. Can you think of any examples of this?

Have you ever been let down by hoping in something temporary or something that did not come true?

How do we, as God's ambassadors, spread this hope to a world in need?

What is the hope God gives us for the next life? What is our hope God gives us for this life? Is there a connection between those two?

Discuss this quote from Caroline Leaf's devotional, Switch on Your Brain Every Day: "I cannot be a failure because I am wired for success. I am designed to reflect God's glory into the world."

Memorize Romans 12:12 "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."