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Hope Is In The House

What was your favorite part about last Sunday's on-line service?

What do you remember from the message?

What were some things that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

When is the last time God "really got your attention" in a significant way? What did he want to communicate to you in that time?

- What was it he wanted to do in you.
- What next steps in your spiritual life did he want you to take?
- Was there something he wanted you to let go of?
- Was there a gift he wanted to give you?

Why does it seem God more easily gets our attention in difficult or uncertain times than in good times?

Do you think there is something God wants to communicate to you in this present season?

- Is there something he might want to do in you?
- Is there a next step he might want you to take in your spiritual life?
- Is there something he may be wanting you to let go of?
- Is there a gift he might be wanting to give you?

Is there possibly something God might want to do *through* you in this present season?

READ: Philippians 4:4-7

"Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."

[Invite one or two others in your group to read this passage in different translations]

Why is it easier for most of us to “rejoice in our success” or to “rejoice in (fill in the blank)” than it is to “rejoice in the Lord?”

Why did Paul include “Remember, the Lord is coming soon” in this passage?

In the original Greek that sentence literally reads, “Remember, the Lord is at hand.” Could Paul have meant something other than that the Lord was coming back soon?

The NIV translates the last half of verse 6 this way: “**in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God**”.

Can you think of a situation where prayer is inappropriate?

Why did Paul reference multiple forms of prayer?

What might be some things you think you need but really don't?

What might be some things you want, but could possibly hold you back, drag you down, or in some way be detrimental to you?

What do you really need? Where can you acquire those things?

What does it really mean to “Rejoice in the Lord?”

What's your favorite worship song? Why is it your favorite?