



Small Group Study Guide

Advent: Hope

Tell of a time when you had to motivate your kids with a promise?

Example: "You can have some ice cream, after you clean your room."

Why do you think a PROMISE is so motivational?

Our passage for this week was Colossians 1:24-29, focusing on the implications of the phrase "*Christ in you, the hope of glory.*"

However, this passage is built on the preceding context of verses 21-23.

READ: Colossians 1:21-23

1. Fill in the **THE GOSPEL** as developed in verses 21-22

A. *Once you were...*

B. *But now...*

2. There is a conditional statement ("if you...") in verse 23.

What is the required evidence of someone who has truly believed the gospel from verse 23?

A. *If you...*

B. *Not moved...*

3. "Hope" rests on a promise as discussed on Sunday morning

(1. Your suffering is temporary 2. Your resurrection is guaranteed).

Explain how the hope found in this PROMISE is motivational for how you can live NOW as one who is "*established*" and "*firm*" in your faith.

In other words, how is the "hope of glory" evidenced by "Christ in you"?