

Imagine a group of people who were carriers of hope

Welcome - When was the last time you remember hoping for something that actually happened as you'd hoped for?

Word - This week we are thinking about the early church as carriers of hope

Read Romans 5 v.1-5

- What is hope to so many people, how might people define it?
 - Why is hope such an essential aspect of our lives?
 - In what ways does our world need hope right now?
 - In the Bible reading Paul links up hope with suffering, perseverance and character. Why do you think he links these things together?
 - Do you have examples in your own life of how these can link to produce hope?
 - The early church's hope was based on the resurrection of Christ, why is this so essential to us?
- Use the 4 points Leon spoke into Sunday as a basis for discussion then ask, “How can we apply these to our everyday lives?”

Because He lives, we know God feels our pain
Because He lives, we know things can change
Because He lives, we know ultimately God wins
Because He lives, we know the best is yet to come

Finish by praying for each other, does anyone need hope right now?

Then pray for our community, people you know, the nation, people who need hope!

‘Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness’ - Bishop Tutu