### CONNECT GROUP NOTES

# Hope is Here – When Positivity Isn't Enough

## **Conversation**

What's your favorite Christmas movie?

### Start Talking

If pessimistic is -10 and optimistic is +10, what number would you consider yourself to be?

## **Digging Deeper**

Read Matt 11:2-5

Here John the Baptist is starting to doubt who Jesus is and seeks reassurance. What are some times in your life (and maybe it's right now) where you have needed reassurance from Jesus?

What do you think it means to have hope in Jesus? Could you describe the hope that Jesus has given you? How do you think recipients of the 'Hope is here' cards will read the following bible verse: Romans 15:13?

How does telling stories of hope encourage you?

- What are some current stories of hope within your group?

How does talking with other Christians give you hope? Looking at Hebrews 10:23-24, how can we put this into action as a connect group?

What are some things you need to change your tone about to be more hopeful? (refer to the language around zoom as an example)

Spend some time praying for each other's situations based on what has been shared. Take some time to pray for the card deliveries which have started this week, encourage your group to sign up if they haven't already!