



Study Guide - Week 2

Ice Breaker 🧊

Random Question: If you could have dinner with any fictional character, who would it be and why?

Movement Question: What is your favorite example of Jesus bringing hope to someone in the Gospels?

Sermon Recap 🎬

In a world drowning in hopelessness, Josh unveils a powerful truth: our deepest struggles aren't just statistics—they're stories of real people aching for hope. Through vivid examples from Jesus' ministry, we see how He met every human need—from shame to grief, doubt to betrayal. Today's challenges may feel overwhelming, but Jesus still moves toward broken places, bringing lasting transformation no policy or program can achieve. This inspiring message invites us to join a movement of hope, where faith like a mustard seed can move mountains and change lives. Don't miss this crucial reminder that while the world may feel dark, Hope has a name—and His name is Jesus.

Discussion Questions

▼ Josh talks about hopelessness being 'an air we're breathing.'

- How do you see this in our community today, and how does this impact how we view and interact with others?
- When you encounter someone who seems hopeless, how do you typically respond, and how might understanding Jesus's approach to hopelessness change your response?

Read Scripture

John 16:33 NIV

³³ "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Discussion Questions

▼ The word 'overcome' (nikaó) in John 16:33 means to conquer, prevail, and get the victory.

- How does this promise from Jesus provide hope in the midst of real-world challenges?

▼ Josh described how Jesus met various types of trouble (shame, guilt, fear, rejection, doubt).

- Which of these resonates most with you, and why is Jesus's response to that particular trouble meaningful?
- How can remembering Jesus's responses to these troubles help you minister to others who are experiencing similar struggles?

Read Scripture

Matthew 17:14-20 NIV

¹⁴ When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. ¹⁵ "Lord, have mercy on my son," he said. "He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. ¹⁶ I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him."

¹⁷ "You unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me." ¹⁸ Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment.

¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

²⁰ He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

Discussion Questions

▼ The metaphor of a mustard seed is used to explain true faith. Josh also explained that the mustard seed wasn't famous for being small, but for being invasive - once planted, it would take over the whole field.

- How is this different from simply having 'small faith,' and what does it mean for faith to be 'invasive' in our lives?
- ▼ Josh argues that you can't 'legislate, educate, or medicate' evil out of the human heart.
- What does this mean for how we approach bringing hope to our community?
 - How might this understanding change the way you view your role in bringing hope to others in your sphere of influence?

Application Questions

- What specific 'trouble' are you facing right now where you need to remember that Jesus has already overcome it?
- In what areas of your life do you need to let your faith become more 'invasive' and take over?

Final Thought

Our primary goal with **Hope For Everyone** is 100% Engagement. Join your church family in **praying, celebrating, and participating.**

Prayer

Begin by asking if anyone has prayer requests they would like to share.

- Pray for God to open our hearts to identify those around us needing hope and how we can be beacons of hope.
- Ask for strength and courage to trust Jesus in the midst of our troubles.
- Seek guidance on how to participate in the "Hope for Everyone" movement actively.
- Praise God for the existing support within the community and seek for its expansion.

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