

HomeGroup Discussion Guide

December 21-27, 2008

Key Idea of the Week:

When Jesus came as a baby, lived, died and rose again, he did not fix the world overnight. But he introduced hope. Hope of a brighter day, hope of victory, hope of redemption. How should we live differently as the People of Hope?

Discussion Guide:

Pray for God to soften your hearts and speak to you as you open His Word together.

Read Romans 8:18-25.

Discuss

What evidence do you see that creation is ‘subjected to frustration’ and in ‘bondage to decay?’

Have you ‘groaned inwardly’ as you wait for the ‘redemption of your body?’ Explain the feeling.

Why is it so hard to wait patiently for redemption?

Why do our circumstances overshadow our eternal hope so easily?

Pastor Kendall calls believers the ‘People of Hope?’ Is that an accurate description? Why or why not?

Read Revelation 21:1-4; 22:1-5.

What phrase or image in these passages strikes you most deeply? Explain.

What could you do to keep this hope alive more easily in the dark times of your life?

Pray for courage to act on what you’ve learned this week and for any requests that may have been raised by members of the group.