

UNSTOPPABLE TEAM: A team of hope

December 14, 2025 Discussion Guide

Scripture reading: Romans 5:3-4, 8:24-25; Romans 12:12; Romans 15:13; 1 Peter 1:3;
Psalm 71:14

CHECK UP:

*Memory Work: But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. – Romans 5:8

*What burden did you rid yourself of, or what burden did you help carry for someone this past week?

OPEN:

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- How have you intentionally engaged with the church family this week?

The below passages contain great truths about the hope we have in Jesus. Read each passage carefully and discuss and encourage one another with the hope we have.

READ and DISCUSS: Romans 5:1-8, 8:18-25, 15:13; 1 Peter 1:3-9;

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

(Pause: see comment before passages)

- What is hope?
- Which passage do you most need to hear right now, why?
- Jon Tyson and Jefferson Bethke write, "How you experience the present is dictated by your belief about the future." How do these passages reinforce that truth?
- How can Christians live as a TEAM of hope?
 - o What habits should we enact or maintain in order to do life as a team of hope?

APPLY:

- In what moments or seasons of your life have you struggled with despair?
 - o How did you get through those seasons?
 - o How does faith in Jesus see us through times of despair?

- Consider Jesus's words in John 10:10. Why is the question "whose voice are you listening to" so important?
- NEXT STEP: What are some things that tend to lead you towards despair? How can you turn to faith, hope and love in those moments? (1 Corinthians 13:13)

Memory Work:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. – Romans 15:13

Next Week's Reading:

John 3:16; Romans 5:8