

Hub of Hope

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Message One: An Introduction to the Hub of Hope

Small Group Questions

This week Christian discussed the place of the church as a distribution and collection center for people and hope – he called it a Hub of Hope. Below are some of the Scriptures he cited and some questions to keep us thinking about these ideas.

Read Ezekiel 47:1-12. What comes to mind when you read this passage? What about connecting it to the Valley of Dry Bones in Ezekiel 37:1-14? What do you think the prophet envisioned here? What ideas? What do you think would it have meant to Ezekiel's audience in Babylonian exile?

Now read John 7:37-39. Some context from verses 1-13 is helpful. Notice how Jesus adopts this language. Now connect to the Samaritan woman at the well in chapter 4, verses 1-13. How do you interpret Jesus' use of these loaded metaphors? What other passages or ideas might you connect?

Now, read Matthew 5:13-16. How might this passage or you link all of this together?

Does this inspire thoughts about the purpose of your life?

Does it create convictions in you?

Be still for a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to talk with you. Can you think of times God has been leading you to act one-on-one with another or prompting you to respond to a need? What did you do with that? Would you share stories of success or regret?

What about now? Is God stirring up anything in your heart? He often breaks our heart for what breaks His as the first steps for calling us into participation with Him. Would you be willing to share those ideas? You might find some help or even a partner!

Finally, discuss any confusion or additional ideas you have regarding Hub of Hope. Consider ways we might make this a reproductive culture at Hillcrest and not just one month of ideas.