

Discussion Guide

Read and reflect on this passage to prepare for the discussion:

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.” 1 Timothy 6:17-19

1. Do people need hope today? What evidence have you seen that now is a huge opportunity for the church to be agents of hope?
2. For good or bad, what have been some of the lasting effects of the pandemic on the world, our nation, state, community, your social network, and on you?
3. Share way you have seen people’s responses to the pandemic affect or influence others.
4. How can we use the three degrees of influence to create a ripple of hope within our community and social networks?
5. What has God used in your life to fill you with hope?
6. Share a time when someone said, did or shared something that gave you hope. How has that rippled into the lives of those around you?
7. How has First Presbyterian spread hope to those within the church and those outside the church?
8. What have you appreciated most about how the church leaders, staff, and members handled the pandemic and all its challenges?
9. What can we do to become agents of hope? Brainstorm some ideas and perhaps as a group try one of them.

”May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace so you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit!”