

Advent - The Gift of Hope

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1. How would you explain what “hope” is to someone? Is there a difference between the way we often use “hope” and the way the Bible uses the word?
2. Jeremiah wrote Lamentations as he looked over the ruins of the nation. The people of Israel had been defeated in battle and many were carried off into captivity. How could Jeremiah say what he said in Lamentations 3:19-24? How could he have hope?
3. The prophets spoke words of hope of the deliverer to God’s people. Read Isaiah 9:2-7. What is the message of hope found in this passage?
4. The Gospel writers point to how Jesus fulfilled the prophecies found in the Old Testament. As a test of your Bible knowledge, what are those prophecies? (Hint: check out Matthew 1 to get started.)
5. Hope is found not in our situation but in the Lord. What promises do you recall that God has spoken for Christ-followers (you and me) today?