

Youth



✔ Prepare in Advance

Facilitator: In advance of the session:

- Retrieve, review, and have ready the video's listed below (links are provided on this session's webpage).
- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.

✔ Questions

Play the clip from The Potential Inside and use these questions to facilitate discussion.

- Do you think Chris has legitimate complaints about God? Why or why not? What recent tragedies have likely caused similar questions in our culture? Have you ever wrestled with these types of thoughts or questions? Why are these type of questions more common around the holidays?
- Would you be comfortable with having this type of discussion with someone who was angry with God? Is it ok to be angry with God? Why or why not?
- How would you respond to someone with these type of questions?

✔ Prophecy

Read Isaiah 60:1-9 and watch the *Bible Background Video* for this session.

- What phrases or words in this passage convey a message of hope?
- Why might this passage help those living in exile to understand that the future looks more promising for their people?
- How do you know the author is confident about this prophecy?

✔ Hope

Play the What is Hope clip.

- What is your opinion of the definitions of hope given in this clip? How would you define hope?
- Do you think hope is a Christian characteristic? Why or why not? What does a Christian without hope look like? Why? Why does a Christian need hope? Why does the world need hope?
- How can we as Christians help people to know the hope that is in Christ Jesus?

✔ Christ

Play the Amistad clip.

- Even though these men have never heard of Christ, the story powerfully impacted them.
- How does Christ in our lives give us hope? How does the story of Christ bring about hope in the world?
- Have you ever had the opportunity to share hope with someone in a tragic situation? Explain. Has anyone ever given you a message of hope in a tragic situation? Explain.
- How can this group help you to never give up hope?

Close in prayer.

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