

Call to Worship - Psalm 71: 1-5

Lesson Two THE ANATOMY OF HOPE

1. What is hope?

- a) How does the world define hope?
- b) How does the Christian faith define hope?

2. God's covenant with Abraham

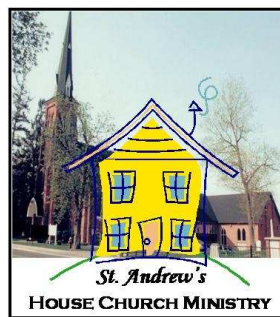
- a) Who was the original audience for this story and how did it give them hope?
- b) What was Abraham's hope?

3. Experiencing Christian hope

- a) How do we experience hope through the death and resurrection of Christ?
- b) How do we experience hope through God's creation?
- c) How do we experience hope through the movement of the Holy Spirit?

4. Food for thought

- a) How do we share this hope?



FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

- For further personal reflection
 - To share with family or a friend
- For further study and discussion at House Church, a home-based, small group for learning and growing together.
- Please contact the Church Office if you are interested in attending via sapc@bellnet.ca or 905-826-2061.

Warm Up: Share a biblical story or passage that has filled you with genuine hope at some point in your life.

1. Discuss what hope looks like in a secular and pluralistic society. Is our society hopeful?
2. Abraham waited over 20 years for God to deliver his promised heir, his son Isaac. Discuss the difference between God's sense of time and our own. How does this understanding help or hinder us to trust in our hope in Christ?
3. In Genesis 22, God tests Abraham. Read Genesis 22:1-19 and discuss where you see hope in this passage.
4. We can experience hope at any point in our lives and in many ways. When have you experienced God's hope in a powerful way? Was it on the mountaintop, in the valley or somewhere in between?
5. How do we articulate this hope to others who don't know Christ? (Try to do this in 150 words or less, which is less than 2 minutes!)