

When all hope appears lost...

The Hope Summit 'predictions'

John 13:21 "...I tell you the truth, one of you is going to betray me." - Judas' betrayal

John 13:38 "...Will you really lay down your life for me? I tell you the truth, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!" - Peter's denial

John 14:16 "...and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— ¹⁷the Spirit of truth." - Promise of the Holy Spirit

John 15:20 "If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. ²¹They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me." - The coming persecution

John 16:17 "...In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me," - Jesus death and resurrection

John 16:32 "But a time is coming, and has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home. You will leave me all alone." - Disciples will flee

John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 17:20-26 ²⁰"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: ²³I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. ²⁵"Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

In seasons of **trouble** lean into your community

- Finding a community during a crisis VS building a community in preparation of the 'trouble.' (Remember Jesus said; "in the world you **will** have trouble.)
- Unity agents

In seasons of **blessing** be a blessing to others

- Little gestures
- Hope agents

The Hope Summit 'conclusion'

The Passion - John 18:1 "When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was an olive grove, and he and his disciples went into it. ²Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place..."

Small Group & Personal Reflection Questions:

1. Are you currently in a season of 'trouble,' or a season of 'blessing?'
 - a. Explain.
2. Can you recall a recent 'small gesture' that changed the course of your situation?
3. Re-read Jesus' prayer; John 17:20 – 26. Jesus is stressing the importance of unity among His followers.
 - a. Recall and describe a time that you have experienced the power of believers in unity.
 - b. Recall and describe a time you have experienced the damage of believers in disunity?
 - c. Which was easier to recall?
4. How can your group be an 'agent of hope' in this coming season?