

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

A prophecy delivered by Nathan referring to David's descendants and ultimately, Jesus.

The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.' "" (2 Samuel 7:11-16, NIV)

"And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse (David's Father) will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:12-13, NIV)

Start talking. Find a conversation starter.

- Does the Christmas season and remembering Jesus coming as one of us give you hope? Why or why not?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get thinking.

- What are God's promises in the 2 Samuel passage?
- How would the Romans passage give hope to followers of Jesus/?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Have you ever experienced the overflow of hope that Paul mentions in Romans? What did it look like or how did it express itself?
- How do you respond to following Jesus as your "Top Model?" How will your life look different?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, thank you for the hope that is found in you. It is you who justified me, and I have peace with you through Jesus. And I boast in the hope of the glory of God. And I glory in my sufferings because I know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into my heart through the Holy Spirit, that you gave to me. (Romans 5:1-5)

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Tying into this week's message we have the "Christmas Hope" Bible reading plan which can be found on the [YouVersion Bible App](#) or at <https://www.bible.com>.
- Consider how you could love others by serving at Westwood or in our community.