**Sunday, 3 January 2021**

**Hope in God: Expect Great Things in 2021**

God wants you to enter this year with hope in Him so that you will experience a year of increase. Today we will learn what it means to have hope in God, why we hope in God, and how can we have hope in God.

1. To have hope in God means: you have a confident expectation God will do something good for you, God will help you, and that God will turn things around for you.
   1. W. E. Vines: “favorable and confident expectation.” “Hope describes the happy anticipation of good.”
   2. 1 Corinthians 9:9-10
2. Why hope in God?
   1. God can help deliver you from everything - 2 Corinthians 1:8-10
   2. The person who hopes in God will not be disappointed - Romans 5:5
3. To have this kind of hope in God you need to know three truths about God:
   1. You need to know God’s plan for your life – Jeremiah 29:11
   2. You need to know that God is all powerful – Matthew 19:26, Jeremiah 14:22
   3. You need to know that God is always ready to help you – Psalm 46:1-3

Conclusion: Begin this year with hope in God, and expect God to do great things for you. You can have hope in God because God’s plan for you is good, because God is all powerful, and because God is always ready to help you.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to hope in God?
2. What are the three truths you need to know to have hope in God?
3. Take time to decide and pray about what you need to hope in God for in 2021.