

Small group optional guide  
Advent Series: Heavenly Hope

**IN: FELLOWSHIP**

These words were brought on Sunday, did they connect with anyone? If they did please pray for each other.

Jenny: someone has back ache and it is linked with struggling with not feeling worthy; 1 Corinthians 15:9

Simi: (God is saying) you are my child I'll never leave you

Sarah: shared the song "are you hurting and broken within" verse and chorus

Ella: Jesus is calling us to step into faith and light in our workplace, be brave enough in our faith to set people free from darkness. Be the light you are called to be.

Caroline: Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Sharon: I can see someone standing with empty pockets, saying what have I got to offer you God? Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

**WORSHIP:**

Great Things / Living Hope

Exalted Over All / Great Are You Lord

**MEMORY VERSE:**

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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**UP:** Heavenly Hope is sourced and sustained through Jesus! Hope is available for impossible situations by the one who's situation in history would have been impossible to arrange!

- Why does it matter: This world is full of despair!
- Application: Put your hope in Jesus – attach yourself to him!

Key verses: Gen 3:14-15 / Micah 5:2 / Isaiah 53:5 / Psalm 49:15 / Psalm 68:18

- Hope's Emergence: hope originated in darkness, breathing life into despair
- Genesis & Humanity's Fall: the fracture between God and humanity due to disobedience, accompanied by God's promise to overcome despair through Jesus.
- Prophetic Fulfilment in Jesus: over 300 prophecies in Scripture that converge to reveal Jesus as the hope itself, and the fulfilment of God's promise.
- Living in Hope: embrace the hope found in Jesus, his life, death, and resurrection counter despair, providing freedom from various struggles.

**Questions:**

- 1) Can you think of a time where God did something impossible in your life, testament to His promises spoken over your life to remind you to have your hope in Him?
- 2) Hebrews 11:1 says that "faith is the assurance of things hoped for" – how do you think faith and hope relate to one another?

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### OUT:

This year our Carol Services are worship evenings that will be brilliant to invite friends, family and neighbours to.

The worship team are putting a lot of effort to deliver an outstanding experience that will draw us to glorify Jesus and allow non-believers to hear the truth that the hope of the world came to save...through the Christmas story.

- 1) Please write down who you could invite
- 2) Now pray for them
- 3) how will you invite? (send them the link to book in/in person?)

Our vision for this advent series and the Carols service is that we see salvation every week. Please pray into this and invite people you know to come and hear the gospel.

Go to our website, to the CALENDAR >> FEATURED EVENTS...pick the service you want to go to and book your tickets.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> @430pm – 530pm

Or Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> @730pm – 830pm

<https://www.jcceg.co.uk/calendar>

## CALENDAR

### FEATURED EVENTS



#### Christmas Family Fun Day

Sat Dec 2, 2023  
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM



#### Jubilee Christmas Carols

Sat Dec 16, 2023  
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM



#### Jubilee Christmas Carols

Sat Dec 16, 2023  
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

