

# THINKING ABOUT

# hope



A few Scriptures to check out:

Psalm 39:7, 130:1-8

Isaiah 9:1-2, Matthew 4:12-17

Luke 2:22-23, 3:15-22, Hebrews 9:28

I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,  
and in his word I put my hope. (Psalm 130:5)

Questions to maybe ask ourselves:

What is God's goal for the church? for  
creation & humanity?

What part can/does hope play in our present  
situation?

Some ideas to consider this week:

- What do these passages suggest about hope?
- In the Old Testament to hope or wait are often connected. Often meaning to expect or trust in.
- Isaiah 9 was written 700+ years before Jesus' birth and when Israel was in a tough spot.
- In Jesus' lifetime it was hoped God's kingdom would come and bring rescue. In our lives we hope for Jesus to return and to restore all things.
- We live in an already and not yet, in-between place.
- We can celebrate that Jesus came near, yet we contemplate what it means for us in the mean time.

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What came out of your time, focus and searching last week?

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(Take some time to reflect and write it down, keep it for our last week.)

Things I'm bumping into THIS WEEK...