



SERIES: In View Of God's Mercies

Week 6: The Mercy Of Hope

This week change the order you do things to Connect - Act – Discover - Gratitude

<p>Connect</p>  <p>5 – 10 min</p>	<p>What are you looking forward to in the next month? (It doesn't have to be a big thing. It might be a very simple, ordinary pleasure of life. On the other hand, it might be something very special.)</p> <p>OR</p> <p><i>Interactive option:</i> Using Milk Arrowroot (oval shape) biscuits, basic icing and a selection of suitable edible decorations, have each person create a portrait or some other representation of him or her self. Perhaps represent how you feel today.</p>
<p>Gratitude</p>  <p>10 – 15 min</p>	<p><i>* Do this section after "Discover" this week, or between Q2 and 3 of that section. Bring the "Act" section up ahead of "Discover".</i></p> <p>We are grateful for the hope we have in Christ and the access we have through him to our almighty, all loving, all powerful God.</p> <p>Song suggestions: O Come to the Altar (Elevation Worship) youtu.be/ycWDFd0yCHA Cornerstone (Hillsong) youtu.be/Fck-lrnkKUg</p> <p>To close pray Romans 15:13 in unison as a blessing over one another:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"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."</p>
<p>Discover</p>  <p>25 min</p>	<p>Watch the 9 minute video talk by Ian Freestone at https://youtu.be/YYISB1JSkbs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In what way do some Christian groups make it difficult for people to open up about the difficulties they may be experiencing? How can we foster a safe place for people to open up about their troubles? 2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:2-5. What is causing you to groan in your world right now? 3. Pray for those in your group who are experiencing trouble, hardship or grief. Let the Spirit within you groan with them for comfort, healing and the loving presence of God.
<p>Act</p>  <p>10 min</p>	<p><i>* Do this section earlier this week. After 'Connect' and before 'Discover'.</i></p> <p>What answered prayers have you experienced this week?</p> <p>How have you seen God at work in you, through you and around you? Do you have a story to share? How can house church encourage and support you as you seek to respond to God's prompts and teaching?</p>