



Part 1: "Homesick"

Introduction

Looking around, it's clear that things aren't going well. There's something wrong with the world, and it's affecting everything in it—your physical health, your mental health, your relationships with family and friends. In this series, we'll find out what's wrong, why it's wrong, and, more importantly, what we can do about it.

Discussion Questions

1. If you had Dorothy's slippers, where would you escape to? Where is your dream getaway? "There's no place like _____?"
2. Describe a time or place where you saw a glimpse of paradise.
3. Romans 8:18 says, "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." Paul believed this and he endured an incredible amount of suffering. What suffering do you wish you could escape from?
4. In Romans 8:24, Paul reminds us that hope is only hope if it is in something unseen—that hope in something seen is not really hope at all. When have you placed your "hope" in something or someone seen (i.e., a relationship, a child, a job)? How did that turn out for you?
5. Is it easy or difficult for you to have hope in something you can't see? Why do you think that is the case?
6. Revelation 21:4 says, "God will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." If we could remember this verse daily, how would it change our mindsets and lives moving forward?

Moving Forward

Remember that we have hope not in what is seen, but in what is unseen and awaiting us in heaven.

Changing Your Mind

For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.