

Look Back

- Group Check in...any big events in your life this past week? (if you need a “just for fun”...go around the room and ask what everyone’s favorite band/singer was when they were in middle school!)
- Last week we talked about Jesus’ death and resurrection and how that brings hope for us personally. We also asked if there was anyone you could share this with in the coming week. Did anyone get the chance to share this with someone this past week? If so, what did that look like? How did that person respond?

Look Up

Last week, we looked at the hope that Jesus’ death and resurrection has for us personally. However, part of western culture is that we view certain issues - like morals and beliefs - as only personal. We can say phrases like “well, this might not be ok for you, but is for me” or “this doesn’t affect anyone but me so it’s ok”. However, there’s a lie built into that part of our culture, especially when it comes to hope and salvation and sin. If sin and morals my brokenness are only personal, then so is salvation from those things; which then means that the Kingdom of God has no relevance for communities and groups of people, but only individuals. Which would lead us to conclude that there’s no hope for change in a community!

However, this is not the way the kingdom operates. The kingdom changes individuals and communities; it changes dad’s and mom’s and well as whole families. The hope of Jesus is for us, not just me!

Read: **Acts 2** in it’s entirety; if time’s an issue, then read Acts **2:42-47**.

- What do you learn about God?
- What do you learn about yourself (and people)?
- What do you find difficult or challenging?

Look Forward

- From this discussion, does our small group look like and operate like this? Is it even realistic to expect this type of community today and in our culture? What implications does this have for our small group?
- Someone once said that relationships are the crucible for change in your life. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
- This week, what steps do we need to take to enter into the hope that God has for “us” as a community? Is there anyone we know that needs this same hope and that we should invite to join our small group?
- If you

Spend time praying for one another and for your small group! Pray that God continues to move in your small group community as we seek to grow in relationship with Him and with one another!