

A Pilgrim's Hope

Scripture: **Daniel 2**

Series: **The Pilgrim Life: Living as God's People in a Pagan Land**

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Overview

As Christians, this world is only our temporary home. We look for fleeting hope in many things around us, but also as Christians, we have something far better to look to and hope in. **The kingdom of God is the home and the hope of the Christian.**

Corroborating Texts

Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Corinthians 15:20-25; Luke 17:20-21; Luke 11:20; Matthew 6:9-13

Discussion Questions

1. When you hear “the American dream,” what comes to mind? [note and discuss themes of prosperity, family, goals, etc.] Is this something that we, as American citizens, find ourselves actively pursuing or longing for today? Where *should* our purpose and hearts be as Christians? Discuss this balance.
2. What does it mean for the kingdom of God to be our **hope**? Where else might we tend to put our hope?
3. What does it mean for the kingdom of God to be our **home**? How does this affect how we live as believers?
4. Pastor Joe listed three components to faith. What are they? [knowledge, ascent (or agreement), trust (dependency)]. Why are each of these important for true faith in Christ? What comes as a result of true faith? [assurance]
5. How do we “seek” the kingdom? What does this look like to the world around us? Why did Pastor Joe warn against disengaging from the world or overengaging with the world?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-25. This passage speaks to the kingdom of God. How does some of the language in this passage speak to our forever home and hope as Christians? Read verses 26-28 for additional encouragement.