

Home Group study: week beginning 7th March 2021

Limitless **Hope**

What is the definition of the word hope, and does that word have a different meaning to Christians than those in the world? *discuss*

Read **Genesis 15 1-7**

Abraham is showing frustration at not having an heir, was Abraham wrong to question God?

Can you think of times when you have got frustrated with God?

Looking back have you been able to reconcile and come to terms with the frustration?

Do you think God is angry with Abraham during this exchange?

Read **Genesis 18 6-15**

It's clear from the effort Abraham goes to prepare the meal that he recognizes that these three visitors are important people.

What do you imagine goes through Abraham's mind when they tell him his wife will give birth to a son?

How might he think differently from Sarah and why, or why not?

Why does Sarah lie about laughing?

Read **Genesis 21 1-5**

The joy that Abraham and Sarah experienced on God keeping his promises is obvious in these verses.

Are there times in your life when you have prayed for something you desperately wanted and God delivered? If so how did it make you feel?

Also, are there times when you didn't get what you prayed for? And how did that make you feel?

Read **Romans 15:13**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

What might Paul mean when he talks about the role of the Holy Spirit in this verse?

(by way of a clue it's important to understand what the Holy Spirit is and why it's been given to us)

To conclude spend some time in prayer reflecting on God's promises, Think about the hopes you have for yourself and for others.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. - [Jeremiah 29:11](#)