

Boasting will abound [Philippians 1v26]

Read Luke 24v13-27

At first glance, the disciples seem to have put their hope in Jesus and are disappointed at his death, but in reality what does the text say “they had hoped”?

In what ways do you put your hope in Jesus as long as he fulfills certain expectations? Build a list of words or phrases that might finish this sentence:

I have put my hope in God provided that...

In what else, apart from God, do you put your hope, trust, or belief?

In whom, other than God, do you put your hope?

Read Isaiah 43v19

What else is happening to Israel during the time when Isaiah is prophesying?

What causes people to think that despair is inevitable or that “things are always going to be this way”?

Read Romans 5v3-5

According to Paul, hope does not mean that we are free from suffering. What reason does he give to support that hope doesn't disappoint?

What does this mean to you, and have you witnessed this in someone's life? In your own life?