



Hope: Celebration of Hope

December 12th & 13th

Speaker: Pastor Joshua Symonette

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-3, 7-12

Series Overview

Hope came to us in the form of a child around 2000 years ago. This child grew into a man that would become the Anchor that we place our hope in. By overcoming the world, He gifted us with a divine Spirit that would guide us into the revelation of what hope is.

Series Discussion Questions

How did you share hope this week?

Message Overview

From Malachi to Matthew we are given the impression that God is silent. Where does hope lie during that time? 400 years later, God speaks. In the midst of waiting, hope can be seen lingering. But then, The Star appears! What star are you following during this season? What is giving you hope during this season?

Message-Specific Discussion Questions

What do you do between the proclamation of hope and the celebration of hope?

Pastor Josh States: “What is guiding us in between the current reality and our anticipated reality is usually what our hope is anchored to.” (abilities, resources and network.)

What are some ways that we can anchor our hope in God?

Matthew 2:2 states: “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” The star gave the wise men a map to Jesus. **How are you seeking after God in this season?**

Pastor Josh talks about pursuit requiring vision. He states that vision stirs us and helps create expectation. **How are you allowing your vision to dictate your future?**

Romans 12:12 states: “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, and be constant in prayer.” **Give some examples on how you have practiced these things in your life.**

Practical Application

- Take some time this week to reflect on the story of the wise men following the star to worship Jesus. Intentionally schedule some time to worship and pursue Jesus this week.
- This week we enter week 2 of a four-week series on hope. We'll turn to the voices of NCCers, specifically our artists and our children. Each day we will gather together with our church family, hearing from one another and exploring creative expressions of hope through story, song, Scripture, and more.
- Find a daily rhythm of connecting with God and with one another by committing to [NCC Daily](#). Invite a few others to do so with you, connecting throughout the week via Marco Polo or a group text, or meeting together online or in person to discuss and debrief what you're learning.
- Climb the stairs to the [Upper Zoom](#) each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:14am. Join us as we start our days in His presence together, listening intently, and responding in prayer. Register at ncc.re/UpperZoom.