

Connect Group Discussion Guide

- Sieges (which means a cutting off of access by barricade) are normally military actions. Yet, we have been "sieged", if you will, for weeks and months. We have been barricaded behind many things spiritually and mentally. Yet, God is still our hope. In what specific ways are you finding your hope in God during these times? To answer this questions, you may have to think about any challenge you may be currently facing.
- 2. Read the 2 Kings verses. In the verses, the city was laid to waste and the result was a famine that devastated its citizens. Many of us have experienced famine (difficult and desperate times): attacks of the enemy, realities of life, even our own perceptions. How do you combat these "famines" with faith? What strategies do you use to remind yourself of God's presence in your life?
- 3. Common characteristics of famine, no matter what the source is, are: anger with God, blaming God, and being filled with doubt. Have you ever experienced these? How did you overcome them?
- 4. Four ways to have hope during a famine (2 Kings 7:1, 9-10, 16, 18): Seek God, look for deliverance in unlikely people, look for deliverance from unlikely places, wait-hope-expect-trust.
 - Share some of the ways you seek God.
 - Share a time when your deliverance came from an unlikely place.
 - Share a time when your deliverance came from an unlikely person.
 - What do you do while you wait for God to answer?
 - How do you lean into your hope/expectation for a better tomorrow?

"God is Our Hope"

Week of September 5, 2021

Main Idea

God is our hope...despite our circumstances.

Key Scripture Reference(s)

Read these aloud: Jeremiah 14:22 2 Kings 6:24-7:20

Your Faith in Action

What steps will you take this week to **show** others what you believe (in words, and in deeds)?

Mon:
Tue:
Wed:
Thu:
Fri:
Sat:
Sun:

This is a constant element, so you can practically live out your faith everyday.