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Sermon Title: Hope in God

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Scripture text(s): Psalm 42

- 1) Do you long for God?
- 2) What does your longing look like? Desperate for God or just seeking for knowledge?
- 3) Read Psalm 42:1-2. David had a deep desire to spend time with God. He craved time with God. What is your craving and where is it leading you?
- 4) Think about times in your life, maybe at the present time, that you have been taunted and spiritually oppressed. How did you deal with it? How was your longing for God increased and what did you learn though it?
- 5) David remembered his former joy of worshiping with other believers. Discuss how corporate worship brings encouragement and joy to our souls.
- 6) David called his former joys “these things.” What are "these things" in your life?
- 7) In Psalm 42:7 David referred to his struggles as waterfalls, waves, and breakers sweeping over him. Dan gave us the perspective of God owning those waterfalls, waves, and breakers. How does this perspective change how you look at the suffering you are dealing with at the present time?
- 8) How is your suffering bringing increased hunger for God in your life? If there isn't an increasing hunger for God, what may be preventing it?
- 9) Dan defined hope as patient, rock-solid confidence in God. How do we fight for hope? Are you fighting for hope? Why should we fight for it?
- 10) David fought against his sorrow by remembering God. How do you remember God?

Group Prayer Time:

Have 1 – 2 people in your group pray through each part of the A.C.T.S. prayer acronym.

1. **Adoration** – How is God’s character reflected in this week’s passage? Let that revelation lead you to worship and adore God.
2. **Confess** – The Word of God exposes and uncovers sin. Respond to that conviction by agreeing with what God has said about your sin.
3. **Thanksgiving** – Where do you see God working? Thank God for his faithfulness in your life and the lives of others.
4. **Supplication** – God’s Word helps us understand his purposes and plans. Ask God to give you the desires of his heart as you pray for your needs and the needs of others.