

VALUE

INTRODUCTION

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DISCUSSION

When was the last time you felt Jesus call you to something greater?

What was it and did you do it?

EXPLANATION

Have you ever been too afraid to trust God?

Have you ever been so judgmental that you negated the hope of God, not only for you but for others?

APPLICATION

Read Luke 7:36-50

Where would you kiss Jesus. *Cheek, hand, foot?*

Would you say that you bow your knees to Jesus?

Do you ever think your sin is no big deal?

Do you ever think everyone else should serve you instead of you serving?

MISSION

How can you encourage those around you to leave their old life (their jars of perfume), for the new life Jesus offers?

In what ways can you value what God values?

What will our lives look like when we value God above all else?



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Psalm 7:17
Romans 12:12

Psalm 8:4-5
Luke 7:36-50

Week 5

& SCRIPTURE VERSES



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Psalm 7:17 I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High.

The New Testament shows us that there is a vital need for us to have hope. Hope, from a biblical perspective, has not only an objective content but also a subjective impact. When we fix our eyes on the future that God has in store for us (not only for our lives but for all of eternity), we taste the wonders of his transforming power.

Scripture promises that as we realize that God intends for us to be like Jesus, our lives will change:

- 1 John 3:3 *And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.*
- Colossians 1:3-5 *We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven.*
- Titus 1:2 reminds us that faith rests *“in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began.”*

Hope brings us a deep sense of joy

Romans 12:12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Hope maintains a Christ centered outlook even when things go wrong.

1 Peter 3:15 *but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you*

Our life will still have its stress and its personal tragedies. However, the believer whose hope is in the Lord, and who has a grasp of God's plan, will not be overcome.

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- **you** can have your sins forgiven
- **you** are called to something greater
- **you** can become who God intends for you to be

In Luke 7:36-50 a woman who has lived her life in sin begins to understand that there is hope and redemption in Christ. She pours out her old way of life because she has been undone by Jesus' goodness; she pours out herself in gratitude and hope.

We think people who have an ability to love and hope have mostly done life right. They are the healthy people, the ones with high esteem, and the ones with no regrets (this is what our culture says). But Jesus says GREAT LOVERS, and those with the most hope, are those who have seen great brokenness and have seen the bottom; are people who have been undone AND restored by grace and hope.

A loss of hope in the truth of God (in this context) brings:

- Lips that won't kiss
- Knees that won't bend
- Eyes that won't weep
- Hands that won't serve

These are indications of a soul that will not LOVE God and will never know true hope.

Jesus is willing to take on the pain of the woman's sin and humiliation in Luke 7. His reputation is damaged and He is mocked, but He is willing to do this to bring her healing and HOPE.

He wants to do it for you and me, as well. If you have lost HOPE, if your sins overwhelm you, Jesus is your hope.

PUMPKIN KILLING!

TODAY @ 2pm at the
Newman's Home: 5680 Oakhill Drive.
Free Pumpkins, Games for kids, Pumpkin Pie!

