



## DISCUSSION GUIDE AUGUST 8, 2021

### Dive In

Think of a time when you were brought pretty low. (In other words, if that season of your life were a chapter of Psalms you would be smack dab at the bottom of a “slimy pit, covered in mud and mire.” *Psalm 40*) Now try to remember who God sent to sit with you at the bottom of that pit. Who came along and reminded you why and how to be hopeful? Share your answers with the group.

### Dig Deep

Scripture: **Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

**Deuteronomy 34:1-8**

At one hundred and twenty years of age Moses is viewing Canaan from the top of Mount Nebo, looking over the land God “promised on an oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.” The Egyptian bondage and the painful yet formative years of desert wandering are now past. Moses, the servant of the Lord has led God’s people to God’s promise of hope. With the completion of his mission Moses is now ready to receive his greatest hope.

- What vision of hope is God giving you?

**Deuteronomy 34:9-12**

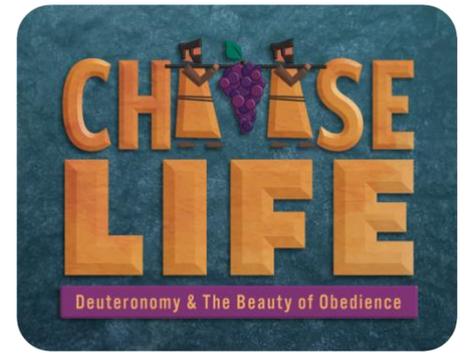
In this final eulogy, God has appointed Joshua “filled with the spirit of wisdom” and ordained by Moses to carry on the leading God’s people. Joshua, as Moses did, is now leading people to God’s promised hope. Jesus later gives us a greater living and powerful hope (1 Peter 1:3-12).

- What is the source of your hope?
- How is the Lord preparing you to live and lead in this hope?

### Do Big

Author Rick Warren says H.O.P.E. stands for “Holding on, Praying expectantly”. Some say the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results, yet that’s the insane part of hope. Psalm 5:3 says, “In the morning Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.” Keep doing the crazy, hopeful thing. Keep laying your requests before the Lord and expect him to listen.

Take time to truly share with your group what is weighing you down and encourage each other to remain hopeful. Remind one another about our Promised Land and the One “greater than Moses” who is preparing a place for us.



## LEADERS

### Study Text:

**Deuteronomy 34:1-12;**  
**1 Peter 1: 3-12**

### What is Hope:

We have a hope that is...  
1 Peter 1: 3-12

A **living** hope (vs.3).

An **eternal** hope (vs.4).

A **powerful** hope (vs.5).

A **joyful** hope (vs.6-9).

A **guaranteed** hope (vs.10-12).

### Memory Verse:

“May the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

**Romans 15:3**

