

# MARINERS CHURCH



**Seeing Hope in the “Big Picture” of My Life**  
December 7-8, 2019

## Hope:

**A loving God is in control of life and my life, and no matter what happens, good or bad, He is in charge and it is OK.**

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.  
1 Peter 3:15

We are  
troubled, but not crushed;  
in doubt, but never in despair;  
people against us, but we are never without a friend;  
badly hurt at time, but we are not destroyed.  
2 Corinthians 4:8-9

## Reframe my view of life.

*“In this world you will have trouble.” –Jesus, John 16:33*

## See God’s bigger picture.

*He died for all, so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but only for him who died and was raised to life for their sake. 2 Corinthians 5:15*



MarinersCC.org

@marinerscc

@MarinersHMB

@MarinersHMB

MarinersHMB

Our message is that God was making all human beings his friends through Christ. God did not keep an account of their sins, and he has given us the message which tells how he makes them his friends. 2 Corinthians 5:19

## Look beyond the frame.

*For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, 2 Corinthians 4:17*

*I will never forget this awful time, as I grieve over my loss. Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. I say to myself, “The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!” Lamentations 3:20-23*

### For time with your LifeGroup and Accountability Partner

What do you like best about this time of year?  
What’s the biggest hassle?

2 Corinthians is a great book in the Bible on Paul’s hope and encouragement.  
Read 2 Corinthians 4 and talk about what you see here.

What truths or principles does Paul (the apostle) share in these verses that gave him hope?

What truths from this passage give you hope?

Make sure you pray for each other and encourage each other.