

MARINERS CHURCH



Getting Hope From Others February 16-17, 2019

Hope is an assurance that a loving God is in control of life, and of my life, and no matter what happens, good or bad, He is in charge and it is OK.

Jesus makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. Ephesians 4:16

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

But God, who comforts the depressed, comforted us by the coming of Titus. 2 Corinthians 7:6 NAS

Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NLT2)

You must have relationship to grow in hope.



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To grow in hope we need...

Tail Kickers.

Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy. Proverbs 27:6 (NLT2)

Soul Sharpeners.

As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend. Proverbs 27:17 (NLT2)

Models and Mentors

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV)

Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:9

Heart Healers

Talk it Over

Opener: Right now, I am most hopeful for...

Why do you think God would make us in such a way that we need others in order to grow in hope? How does that help you in your view of the value of a 'church family'?

Talk about each type of person we need in our lives (Tail kicker, etc.) Who serves as that person in your life? Give an example of how you have been built in hope because of that type of person.

Pray and encourage each other in areas that need hope.