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Unleashing Hope in Our Community March 23-23, 2019

Hope is the confidence that a loving God is in charge of life and of my life and not matter what happens, He's in control and it will be OK.

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. Hebrews 6:19

"You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden." – Jesus, Matthew 5:14

"... in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe." Philippians 2:15

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. 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

How we can unleash hope into our community...

Love better.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." –Jesus, John 13:34-35 (NIV)

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." —Jesus, John 15:12

"But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you...if someone slaps you on one cheek, offer the other cheek also. If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt also. Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked." –Jesus, Luke 6:27-29, 35 (NLT2)

Share why I have hope.

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 1 Peter 3:15

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Romans 8:31-32

Show compassion.

Reveal God's power.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 (NLT2)

TALK IT OVER with your LifeGroup and accountability group...

-What brought you to the Coastside and what do you like about it? What kind of community have you found here?

-What are the 'hope-stealers' that people on the Coast (and everywhere) that people face?

-Talk about each of the ways a church and people in a church can bring hope...

How does our love for each other bring hope to people who are not yet Christ followers? How have you seen this love?

How easy is it to share hope? Why don't we do it more often?

What 'hope action' can we do on July 14th?

How have you seen God's power in action? How do you feel God's power can effect hope?