

Message Summary: There seems to be no shortage of hopeless situations around the world. On top of this bad news, we have our own circumstances that are often overwhelming. Today we are going to try to provide some ways to move forward past our hopelessness and feelings of suicide. Please know I understand that dealing with thoughts of suicide is a very complex, huge messy issue. We're not going to solve it today. BUT, maybe we can give you some hope, some simple reminders and even a pathway to follow that can help get you to make some progress. Remember, we are here to press on...not try to be perfect.

When Hope is Gone with No Reason to Live **Harvest of Hope Series**

1. Hopeless Situations Are Allowed by God – Acts 14:22

- A. Hopeless situations allow us to see God more clearly - Psalm 18:6
- B. Hopeless situations strengthen our faith and clarify our convictions –
1 Peter 1:6-7

2. Hopeless Situations Remind Us of Our Ultimate Hope – Colossians 1:5

- A. Hopeless situations get our focus off of this life – 1 John 2:15-17
- B. Hopeless situations get our focus on eternity – Romans 8:24-25

3. Hopeless Situations Can Still Accomplish Good – Romans 8:28

- A. God is always looking for opportunities in hopeless situations – John 9:2-3
- B. Our response in hopeless situations determines the outcome – 1 John 5:3

4. Some Hopeless Situations in This Life God Does Not Change – Jeremiah 15:18

- A. When God doesn't change the situation, He increases His presence and power – 2 Corinthians 12:7-9
- B. When God doesn't change the situation, He will change you – Philippians 1:6

LifeGroup QUESTIONS:

BEGIN IT – (5min) Time for one praise song & opening prayer.

OPEN IT- (10min) – When was the last time you received a letter that really cheered you up?

EXPLORE IT- (60min) – Review Sunday’s sermon outline and answer the following questions. Make sure to give time for individual comments and questions:

1. When disaster strikes globally, nationally, personally, locally or in some other way, what encouragement do you receive from?
2. Sometimes the hopelessness we feel can be a way of God moving us to **where we need to be**. Where do you think you need to be at this season of life?
3. Do you think God’s power has been diluted through the years? Read Isaiah 59:1; Hebrews 13:8.
4. What has God done for you in the past that you want Him to do again?

APPLY IT- (15min) - God still looks to work in hopeless situations. What hopeless situation are you experiencing where only God can make a difference?