

# Life Group Discussion Guide

*THE PROMISE*  
*Galatians 3:5-29*  
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# Hope

## INTRODUCTION

When we hear someone make a promise, it leads to hope the promise will be fulfilled. The Bible includes numerous instances of God promises to His people. Some of those promises involved years of waiting before they were fulfilled.

If you are waiting for the fulfillment of a promise God made you, rely on its completion. Live in the hope it will be realized. Hebrews 10:23 tells us "to hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful." God's promises hold more hope for us than anyone else's promises can ever provide.

## DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Stuart talked about Murphy's Law. Have you ever had a Murphy's Law moment when anything that could go wrong, did go wrong? Tell the group about it.
2. The story of Abraham is one of hope. Tell the group about a long term prayer request God answered and restored your hope.

## EVALUATE IT

1. God promised Abraham He would take care of him and provide all He had promised. On more than one occasion Abraham chose to take matters into his own hands (lying about Sarah being his sister and sleeping with Hagar, his wife's servant). Why did Abraham feel the need to take over for God? Why do we feel the need to do this as well?
2. Read Galatians 3:17-18? Since the law did not replace the promise, what was its purpose?
3. Stuart said, "Hope is real and hope will not be interrupted because hope comes from God. But he's not force feeding it to you." What must we do to experience God's hope? Why is that not always easy?
4. Read Galatians 3:28-29. What is the difference between being a son and being a slave? What does it mean to be an heir according to the promise God made to Abraham?

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. What feeds your faith and hope in Christ and what makes your faith and hope wain? Why?
2. Is there an area in your life where hope is weak? If so, tell the group so we can pray for you.

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"We can live forty days without food, eight days without water, four minutes without air, but only a few seconds without hope."

-Anonymous



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