



## IT'S NOT OVER

### GET TALKING

**JUMP START** – We would like to invite you to learn more about our church, as well as discover ways to get connected and find community. We've created a three-week interactive experience with you in mind called "Jump Start." Our next Jump Start begins Monday, April 13th at 6:30pm. We will be meeting virtually via Zoom. Reserve your spot right now by selecting the following link Jump Start (detailed instructions to join the zoom meeting will be sent after registration). <https://extendgrace.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/149/responses/new>

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- What did you binge on this week to escape?
- What was a tradition you were able to keep for celebrating Easter this year? What was something new you added?

### MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Scripture references: Luke 24:1-45 (NLT) and John 8:12

We lose hope when...

- We go with the wrong source
- Opportunities cease
- The enemy wounds

How can hope grow?

1. Hope grows when we see possibilities
2. Hope grows when we believe truth
3. Hope grows when we experience God

### DIG IN

1. Jason talked about stones in front of us that leave us feeling hopeless about something. What stone(s) do you see that are in the way of people having hope during these unprecedented circumstances we are facing?  
What things (or worldly sources) do we depend on that keep us from putting our hope in Jesus?  
What lies does Satan want us to believe to keep us from the hope found in Jesus?  
What do you think makes it possible to experience God?
2. Read Romans 8:24-25.  
Which words stand out to you in these verses?  
Why do you think Paul, the author of Romans, states that "hope that is seen is not hope?"  
Where can we have hope in what is seen?  
What do you think about Paul's statement in verse 25? Try out different Bible versions, or look up a word in the original language for deeper meaning (see [blueletterbible.org](http://blueletterbible.org)).  
What do you think God wants you to do?

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3. The stone was rolled away for us to see the hope we have in Jesus.

Read through Luke 24:1-12.

Who do you most relate to from the story: The women puzzled? The women sharing the good news? The disciples who didn't believe? Peter in wonder?

In what situations have you experienced God in the last week?

In what ways does experiencing God grow your hope?

## **BIG IDEA**

Go with Jesus and you'll always grow in hope.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Following Jesus primarily happens in three relationships: with God, with the Church (other believers) and with the World (our spheres of influence). Deepening and strengthening these three relationships helps fuel our mission as Grace Church and the church at large.

What can you do over the next week to grow in one of these key relationships to deepen your faith and grow your hope? For more resources on what you can do, check out the rhythm studies and conversation starters found on our website at <https://extendgrace.org/three-relationships/>.

## **Prayer**

Dear God, we thank you for your plan of redemption through Jesus' resurrection. We praise you for the new possibilities as we set our hope in you. May we experience faith that is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1). Help us grow in our patience and perseverance as we wait on your plan to bear fruit in our own lives. Lord, give us the courage to be bold with our faith. We pray in all things that your promises be fulfilled, and your will be done. For to you goes all the honor and glory. In Jesus powerful name, amen.