



Week 5: United in Hope, Anchored in Promise

Opening

- Begin with a brief **welcome and prayer** to set the tone for the group time.
- **Introduce the theme:** This was a significant week in the life of our church as we saw our three mobile campuses merge into our two permanent locations. But even in the midst of uncertainty and change – whether in your personal life or in the life of our church - we can be anchored in the hope promised to us by God.

Discussion Questions

CONNECT

- **Name the moment:** Which words describe “**today**” for you (by “today” I mean this current season of life) —confused, hopeful, sad, relieved, grateful? What helps you process with Jesus rather than stuffing or venting?
- **Expectation check:** Share one small “future good” you look forward to (meal, walk, clean house). Why does a clear future picture change how you live **today**?
- **Bridge:** When you hear, “We will be His people and He will be our God,” what do you imagine life with God is like?

DISCOVER

Read Revelation 21:1-7 together as a group

- What repeated words, phrases, or terms stand out to you from this?
- How do you read this passage in light of the rest of Scripture and in light of your own life?
- What does this verse say will no longer exist one day? What does this **not** promise about our experience today? How do you hold onto both of these present and future realities?
- Why does Jesus say “Write this down,” and how does His identity as “Alpha and Omega” steady our hope when circumstances shift?
- What does the imagery of thirst and “without payment” teach us about grace?
- If God’s promises are certain, why do we still anchor hope in our efforts, institutions, or outcomes—and what happens when those anchors fail?
- Put biblical hope in your own words. Where do you sense Jesus saying, “Behold, I am making all things new,” in you or our church today?

APPLY

- When life gets messy, are you reminded of your anchor in Christ, or do you tend to get unsteady?
 - What can you do to build up your steadiness and your trust?
 - Spend some time discussing the campus you attend and how the changes as a church impact your campus life. What intentional steps can you take or choose to help all of us move through this season as the people of God?
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RESPOND

- Choose one shared activity for the next two Sundays (shared meal, childcare swap, prayer walk, serving together) that we can do together to help us live “heavenward” today.

GROUP PRAYER

Take time for prayer requests and celebrations, and then spend time praying for these things specifically:

- **Thank God** for His enduring faithfulness and trustworthy promises.
 - **Pray for** Fuquay, Garner, and Northwest Cary in transition.
 - **Ask for surprising unity** and joy as campuses come together.
 - **Intercede** for church leadership—wisdom, courage, rest.
 - **Ask the Spirit** to make us a faithful picture of God’s family today.
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CLOSING

Over the next two weeks, we’ll be discussing what unity means to us as a church as we navigate this season. Continue to pray for and contribute to that unity, however the Lord gives you opportunity.

REMINDERS AND UPDATES

- Expect higher attendance numbers this weekend at our gatherings, as members from other areas, including Apex and Raleigh, will be joining us. If you attend Apex or Raleigh regularly, consider taking small steps like parking off-site and using the shuttle, finding a place to serve, or showing up early and leaving a little later to meet someone new.