

Morning Lesson

IN PURSUIT OF HOPE Psalm 16:8, 9; Heb. 6:17-20

INTRO:

1. Illus: USS Squalus... "Is There Any Hope?"
2. We all need hope. Life can sometimes get overwhelming.
3. When leaving a life of sin, we need invigorating and renewal... Jesus puts life back into people.
Luke 15:32; Eph. 2:5

I. JESUS GAVE HOPE TO THE SAMARITAN WOMAN.

A. **John 4:5-28.**

- B. She was an outcast in her own community and Jesus did not ignore her sin but showed her a better way.

II. JESUS GAVE HOPE TO PETER. **Mark 16:6, 7**

III. JESUS GAVE HOPE TO THE WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY.

A. **John 8:1-11 (10, 11)**

- B. Imagine her embarrassment and shame being brought into public expecting to be condemned again as the men had already done.
- C. Jesus did not condemn or condone her behavior but challenged her with a second chance.

IV. JESUS STILL GIVES HOPE TO PEOPLE TODAY.

- A. The spirit of our age seems to be more like "been there, done that, now what?"

B. God understands and he is the God of hope. **Rom. 15:13**

- C. God made a "hope chest" and filled it with reasons to live and rejoice... it is the church and those in it have hope, but outside there is no hope. **Tit. 1:2; Eph. 2:12**

D. Hope is in God and in us as his children. **1 Pet. 1:21; 3:15**

CONC:

1. In a world that seems hopeless, we can live in hope of eternal life because of Christ. **1 Pet 1:3, 4**
2. Like Jesus, through Jesus. The church offers hope to sinners.