

The Hope of Restoration

Through Jesus,

God _____ what sin _____

To experience this hope in our lives, we must:

1. _____ the _____ of sin

2. _____ the _____ of Jesus

3. _____ the _____ of all things

For Further Reflection and Discussion

Opener: When was the last time you did something for the first time?

How did you encounter God at church this Sunday?

Read Matthew 1:21-23. How does what the angel foretells in v. 21 fulfill the prophecy Matthew cites in v. 23?

“Jesus” means “the LORD saves” and “Immanuel” means “God is with us.” How are these ideas related? Why does it matter that Jesus was also Immanuel?

What might “saving us from our sins” (v. 21) include in addition to forgiveness?

Look at Genesis 3:7-12. What were some of the initial effects of sin for Adam and Eve?

- In vv. 17-24, what other consequences of sin are seen?
- How do we see those same effects in our world and lives today?

Which of those destructive effects of sin was the biggest motivator for you when you came to faith? Which did you most want to be saved from?

So far in your life with God, what has it looked like for you to be saved from your sins?

Read Revelation 22:1-5. In what ways do these verses address those effects of sin seen in Genesis 3?

What difference can it make now to know that what Revelation 22 talks about is in our future?

- What should we do in light of this?

How can we pray for one another?