

CVC Life Group Guide & Sermon Outline: A Convoy of Hope

Opening Question:

What is something you waited a long time for? Looking back, what did that season teach you?

Read the Scriptures

Proverbs 13:12 *"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a dream fulfilled is a tree of life."*

John 16:33 *"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

Ecclesiastes 3:11 *"He has planted eternity in the human heart..."*

Ask someone to briefly summarize Sunday's message.

1. Why do you think waiting is one of the hardest parts of following God?
2. Which biblical example of waiting (Abraham, Joseph, David, Hannah, the disciples, etc.) encourages you the most? Why?
3. Have you experienced a time when God answered a prayer differently—or later—than you expected? What did you learn?

Part 2: Eternity Amnesia

The sermon described "eternity amnesia" as forgetting that this world is temporary.

4. Where do you see people—including yourself—looking to this world for something only God can ultimately provide?
5. Why do you think it's so easy to expect perfect happiness from careers, relationships, finances, or achievements?

Read John 16:33 again.

6. How does Jesus' promise change the way we should view disappointment and suffering?

Part 3: Living with Forever in View

The message identified four consequences of forgetting eternity.

Which one resonates with you most?

- Unrealistic expectations
 - Expecting too much from people
 - Questioning God's goodness
 - Living more disappointed than thankful
7. Why do you think this area is especially challenging for you?
 8. What practical habit could help you remember eternity more often during your week?

Part 4: Becoming a Convoy of Hope

The Gospel isn't only something we receive—it is something we share.

9. Who has been a "convoy of hope" in your life?
10. Who might God be inviting you to encourage, serve, or pray for this week?
11. Why do meeting practical needs often open doors for sharing the love of Christ?

Personal Application

Where is your hope being tested right now?

How can remembering eternity change the way you face that situation this week?

Then ask each person to complete this sentence:

"This week I will be a convoy of hope by..."

Examples:

- Encouraging someone who is discouraged.
- Serving a neighbor.
- Inviting someone to church.
- Giving generously.
- Praying intentionally for someone who is hurting.
- Volunteering in the community.

Prayer Time

Pray together for:

- Those waiting on unanswered prayers.
- Healing for discouraged hearts experiencing deferred hope.
- Greater trust in God's timing.
- Freedom from "eternity amnesia."
- Gratitude for God's faithfulness.
- Opportunities to become a convoy of hope in your neighborhood, workplace, school, and family.
- The ministry of Convoy of Hope and local churches serving their communities.

Close by thanking Jesus that because He rose from the dead, suffering, disappointment, and death will not have the final word.