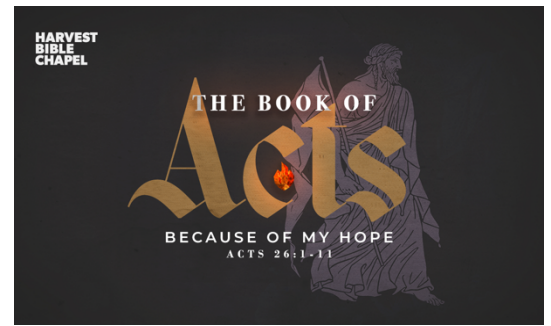


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Life Group Questions / January 18, 2026

**The Book of Acts**  
**65 – Because of My Hope**  
**Acts 26:1-11**



1. When you think about your week, what kinds of things most consistently drain your sense of hope?
2. Hope requires “leaning into the ache”, refusing to kill our deepest longings. What longings have you muted, minimized, or buried because it hurt too much to keep wanting them?
3. Which part of biblical resurrection hope feels hardest for you to grasp? And what makes that particular part difficult?
  - God making all things new?
  - Perfect healing/restoration?
  - Justice finally done?
  - A renewed world and unbroken relationships?
4. Paul remembers his own story as evidence of resurrection. Where do you see “from death to life” movement in your own story, but maybe rarely stop to appreciate it?
5. The sermon quoted CS Lewis, to avoid pain we can lock our hearts in a “casket”. Where are you tempted to do that? Who do you keep at arm’s length to avoid being hurt?
6. Paul could love even hostile people because his hope wasn’t in this life. Who is one person God might be calling you to love, speak to, forgive, serve, or pursue, even though it feels costly?

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“A Christian’s hope is the confident expectation and desire for good things in the future grounded in the person and work of Jesus Christ.” - Pastor Todd

**I need resurrection hope, so I will...**

**...keep looking to Jesus**

Colossians 3:1-4

Hebrews 12:1-2

**...take heart in resurrection all around me**

Romans 6:3-4, 11

**...risk loving others**

Luke 2:34-35

“To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact you must give it to no one, not even an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements. Lock it up safe in the casket (or coffin) of your selfishness. But in that casket, safe, dark, motionless, airless, it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. To love is to be vulnerable.”

- C.S. Lewis, The Four Loves