

Session 2

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead **4** and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, **5** who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 1Peter 1:3-5

Hope for Ingrid as a PK—yearning for a sense of belonging and stability
How do you deal with frustration when you don't get what you want?
As we learn about the community needs, there is an expanding sense of hope

Hope

1. Embracing struggle
2. Leaning on God
3. Looking for the well being of others

Some people assume or embrace the hope for the well being of others:

- John Wesley-working with people who felt marginalized from the church
- Dorothy Day-working with the poor
- Missionaries in El Salvador-defending the resistance to the violence of the government

Ingrid's story

- Flood in Nashville
- Ingrid trying to find her call-Visit to Tent City
- Personal experience working with Edgehill with the homeless program, stories
- Situations beyond their control
- One salary is no longer enough to live in a house or an apartment
- Homeless located in Lipscomb University
- The childhood connections worked- creation of the Open Table

Nativity story in Matthew, Luke

- Mary-new responsibilities, social stigma
- Magi-new realities
- Shepherds-are you talking to us?

Quotables

- For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11
- Dorothy Day: "We can be responsible only for the one action of the present moment." p.44
- Pain often leads to hope because it requires hope...p. 49
- ...we have to be willing to show up in the strangest places,where nobody else wants to look, because that's exactly where God goes. p.51
- In order to overcome we need to build together as people of God, in diversity