

TOPIC 4

Finding Balance

Pivotal Circumstances

Hebrews 12:2

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

What are you now wondering?

We all wonder.

Sometimes, wonder leads to fear. Sometimes, we wonder because we're afraid.

But sometimes, wonder leads to courage.

This courage will allow wonder to lead to discovery.

One of God's greatest gifts is the ability to think about the future and to wonder.

We all wonder through a specific framework, like a window through which we view the world. Due to our framework, our window, we are all limited in our ability to see the world as it is.

Our window is unique and specific to us. Due to the pivotal circumstances thrust upon us, our window is not what it used to be.

Now when we look outside, the world appears different.

Our Heavenly Father wants us to see clearly.

But He is on the other side of the window.

With all the mysteries, wonderings, and different windows, God wanted to be clear, so he sent a person to our side of the window. He sent Jesus.

Everything else is secondary, and everybody else is secondary. This is where the clarity comes from.

"Believe me when I say I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe in the evidence of the works themselves." - John 14:11

With all that has been happening in our lives recently, the question is not what but who we will fix our eyes on.

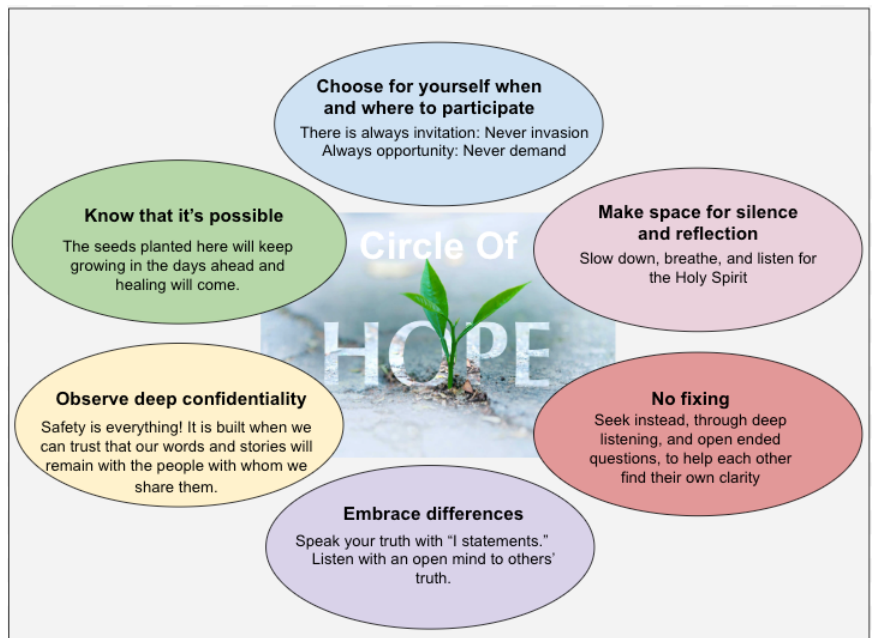
God sent Jesus to stand with us so we wouldn't wonder where we stand with Him.

Reinforcing the Boundaries and Guiding Principles

Before we begin our Circles of Hope discussion, it's important for everyone to review the following guiding principles and boundaries. These are essential for creating a safe and restorative space for those dealing

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Play the “long game” and trust God with the outcome.
- Use love to build bridges to Jesus; don't lose the relationship.
- You can love well without losing your convictions of faith.



CIRCLE OF HOPE TOPIC

How can we focus on Jesus so that we can persevere in the race that is now set before us when we are struggling to see clearly due to fear, doubt, and feelings that we cannot safely share with our friends, church, or even our small group or Bible class?