SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE
The Thrill of Hope
Luke 22:29-32, 38
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Share some *thing* you remember really wanting for Christmas as a child. Did you get it? Did it live up to your expectations?

Why do you think the hymn "O Holy Night," uses the phrase "A ***thrill*** of hope"? What is *thrilling* about it?

What speaks more to your reality right now: A thrill of hope, or a thread of hope? Why?
Share a time or a circumstance when you lost hope? How did you/did you get hope back? (cf. Micah 5:2)

Discuss some of the words Simeon uses to express the thrill of hope in Luke 2:29-32

What are some promises you cling to from God through Christ in the Scripture? Share a time when one of those promises has sustained with hope?

How do each of the following character's in the Christmas narrative in Luke 2 experience the thrill of hope at the coming of Jesus:
- Mary
- Joseph
- The shepherds
- Simeon
- Anna

Hope always requires waiting and is always surrounded by circumstances that challenge us. What are some of the differences you've learned about waiting in hope for your *own* desires, and waiting in hope for *God's* desires? (cf. Psalm 42:5)

Where and with whom do you need to share the hope of Jesus this Christmas? What are some ways you can do that?