

Faithful in Hope
Text: Revelation 3:7-13
November 15, 2025

Big Idea: To stay faithful on mission, our hope must be set in Jesus alone.

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2

- a) What are some differences between biblical hope and worldly hope?
- b) **Rd 1 Tim. 4:10:** Why is having your hope set in Jesus alone essential for staying faithful on mission?

Setting your hope in Jesus means you trust...

Point 1: His CHARACTER (v. 7)

Question: Jesus has no rival. Will you trust in His unchanging character?

Question #3

- a) **Rd v. 7:** Discuss together as a group each of the three descriptions Jesus gives of Himself.
- b) Why are each of these parts of His character essential to trust if our hope is to be set in Him?
- c) What thing(s) are you most tempted to set your hope in that are not in Jesus?
- d) What do you think those things can give you that He can't? Why do you think that?
- e) Why are some of the fruits that come forward in your life when you reject your hope in Jesus and set it in those things?
- f) What gospel treasure(s) do you need to anchor your hope in to kill that sin in Christ's power?
- g) Spend time repenting of each area of your unbelief and share the next steps you will take to apply the gospel in those moments this week.

Setting your hope in Jesus means you trust...

Point 2: His WORK (v. 8)

Question: Jesus has a purpose for your placement. Will you trust Him and be faithful right there?

Question #4

- i) **Rd v. 8:** Why was it essential that Jesus affirm to the church that He still had an open door for them to minister in Philadelphia?
- ii) Have you ever questioned why the Lord has you where He has you? What happens when, in your unbelief, you think things should look different, and try to shut the door or push open another one?
- iii) Why is it essential to have our hope anchored in Jesus if we are to stay faithful right where He has us?
- iv) What open doors for ministry has Jesus put in front of you right now? Pray together for those!

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Point 3: His CARE (vv. 9-10)

Question: Jesus will keep you and will make things right. Will you trust His care for you?

Question #5

- a) **Rd vv. 9-10:** What does Jesus tell the church that He will do as they keep His Word?
- b) *"If our hope is to stay set in Jesus, we must trust in the perfect care of Jesus."* Why is this crucial?
- c) Does Jesus' promise of protection mean we will never suffer as we live for Him? How is Jesus protecting us even when we suffer?
- d) How should knowing this, fuel or faith to hold fast to Him and keep our hope set in Him when we suffer for His Name?

Question #6

- a) **Rd 1 Peter 5:7:** What does trusting in Jesus' care for you practically look like? What care(s) do you need to cast on Him right now, and humble yourself before Him as an expression of your trust?
- b) What happens if you, in your unbelief, don't do this, and instead, carry those anxieties?
- c) Spend time in prayer humbling yourselves before the Lord, casting your anxieties on Him and asking for faith to keep your hope set in Him alone.

Point 4: His WORD (vv. 11-13)

Question: Jesus is coming soon! Will you hold fast to His Word and trust His promise?

Question #7

- a) **Rd vv. 11-13:** Jesus is coming soon! How should that fuel our hope and faithfulness in Him?
- b) What two promises does Jesus give to those who finish faithfully?
- c) **Rd Hebrews 11:1:** How are the promises of Revelation 3:11-13, the fulfillment of true faith?
- d) What two next steps can you take this week to realign your heart to this eternal perspective?

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of **Rev. 3:7-13**...

- a) ADORATION: Lord Jesus, You are_____.
- b) CONFESSION: Lord Jesus, I repent of my unbelief when I set my hope in_____.
- c) THANKSGIVING: Lord Jesus, I thank you for the hope of the gospel that_____.
- d) SUPPLICATION: Lord Jesus, I ask for your grace to anchor my hope in you when_____.

Memory Verse:

"I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown."

-Revelation 3:11