

## Week 3 Conversation Guide - BECOME

### Big idea

Hope is not some inward dream. Hope is an outward mission.

#### Let's talk

- 1. From where does your hope come? Ask someone in your group to read Romans 15:13 and talk about why knowing where your hope comes from is important.
  - a. Romans 15:13 "I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."
- 2. What is your mission? Knowing your mission gives direction and focus to your faith. We can go further in life if we go with others Life is Better Together and a common mission gives us direction for our faith, becoming all God wants us to be. How can your Circle align around the mission that God has called us to?
  - a. 1 Corinthians 1:10b "Let there be no division in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose."
- 3. Is it worth the risk? Living a life with purpose, putting our hope in Jesus, focusing on our mission is worth the risk. Because of our hope in Jesus, we know the risk is worth it because God does not disappoint us (Romans 5:5). Where might God call you in 2021? How will you respond when He does? What does it look like to be willing to risk something for God?
  - a. Romans 5:3 5 "Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us."
  - b. 1 Peter 3:15 "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

# **Reflect and Respond**

We all face problems that can leave us feeling paralyzed, unable to take any kind of action, unsure of what our next step should be. This is true in our own homes, in our communities, our country and the world. We can easily be overwhelmed. However, everyday we're given the opportunity to share our umbrella with someone. What could you do today (or tomorrow) to bring about a little hope in your world? How can you show love to those who seem to be different from you? Making a difference in your own backyard can change your perspective on the entire world.

# **NOTES + Prayer Requests**

