

## **ICE BREAKER**

Has there ever been a time in your life that you have had to "push through" to get to something else? Maybe a physical or mental challenge or obstacle you've had to overcome to accomplish a goal or task? Were you able to push through? What was the outcome?

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. What is HOPE to you?
- READ Romans 8:22-30.
- 3. Suffering and pain are part of living in a broken world with broken people, as you heard or read the verses above, were you able to identify any resources, tools or helps that God gives us to wether the hard things in life?
- 4. READ 8:26-27 again.
- 5. Have you ever been in a situation where when you prayed, there were no words that could adequately describe how you felt or could represent the reality of your situation?
- 6. How does it make you feel to know that the Holy Spirit prays on your behalf? Is it hard to wrap your mind around? Does it give you any comfort?
- 7. Three truths that Bill shared in his sermon this week were;
  - God loved you first.
  - 2. God loves you now through the pain.
  - 3. God will love you forever in eternity if you believe in Him.

How could these truths encourage you today? Could remembering these truths give you a new hope for tomorrow? How so?

8. Pray as a group or on your own, and ask God to remind you this week of the hope we have in Him and the great love He has for us.