

## HOPE THAT OVERCOMES LIFE GROUP APPLICATION

### **Introduction:**

In this week's message the focus is on getting to the other side of this crisis into the victory and new normal. We believe that God always has opportunity in adversity and is positioning us for new and greater things.

We are comparing this crisis to Israel's time in the wilderness, contrasting how Joshua and Caleb went through to God's victory while the rest got stuck. We want to challenge people not to get stuck in such things as unbelief, fear, complaining, and discontentment. We emphasize how what we see is what we will be, how we need to let God's word go deep and transform our minds. The focus is on challenging us to look at beliefs that cause despair and complacency and replace them with thoughts of hope. We emphasize Romans 15:13, that hope comes from believing and agreeing with God that what He says is true.

### **Look at the quotes from the sermon outline and discuss the following questions:**

1. Can you describe a spiritual "in between" time you've gone through, where you felt you were in the trial of a waiting room? Describe some of the emotions of that time as compared with the feelings you are going through in this crisis.
2. Why do you think this is a season where many kinds of fake news run rampant? How have you sorted out some of the differences between messages of fear and the facts? What are some of God's bigger facts that He has led you to believe?
3. Where have you seen or felt a temptation to allow a culture of hopelessness take root in your life?
4. What do you love about Caleb's story? What do you believe it took for Caleb to have his attitude?
5. What are some "best practices" that you've developed to renew your mind and transform your life? What effect has going deep into believing God's Word had on you? Can you give an example?
6. Dale said we will always choose either opportunity or excuses but one will eliminate the other? What are some of the opportunities you see in this crisis? Can you think of some good that could come out of it? What excuses will you have to eliminate for that to happen?
7. Give some examples of lies or false beliefs you need to nail to the cross. What truth would God want you to put in the place of these?