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SERMON OUTLINE

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Life With Hope ~ Pastor Nick Campagna

Cosmic Hope: We find hope in the overarching narrative that God will eradicate evil and restore all things.

Individual Hope: Our personal desire for meaning is where we find our lower altitude understanding of hope: our story within the larger story.

Our hope is found in being with Jesus - both now and in the future.

Mark 4:35-41

What makes it challenging?

- The scarcity and danger around us tempts us to fall back in to under/over/from/for mentality:

Life Under: promotes moral certitude in a culture that can no longer define right and wrong.

Life Over: hope comes from employing God's principles in your life. Navigate to safe harbor if you use the right charts.

Life From: places hope in the process of self-actualization. Purpose comes from identifying and then fulfilling one's desires.

Life For: hope is in devoting one's life to the accomplishment of a purpose greater than one's self. Mission is the anchor that will give you meaning and significance.

- What is your hope anchored in?
- Where do you need to turn from the things you are hoping in and turn toward Jesus?
- **What is Jesus inviting us in to?**

Os Guinness: *"We are called to Someone not something or somewhere."*

- Our hope is rooted in being WITH God. He is not far off, He is imminent. He is here. In the midst of the sea of life we still have hope because He is with us.
- We have hope here and now because we are united with God Himself.
- We have hope for the future because we will be united with Jesus in the new heavens and new earth.

Discussion Questions

- 1) How does the world feel out of control right now? How does your life feel out of control? Where do you see people turning for hope?
- 2) Can you identify a time when you placed your hope in something or someone that disappointed you? What hope do you put in religion or your church?
- 3) What accomplishments provide you with a sense of purpose? Imagine each of these is taken away. How would you feel?
- 4) What is your "hush harbor"?