

Sermon Discussion:

Symbols, Part II

Let's Recap:

This weekend, you heard from Pastor Rob for the second weekend of our Symbols series. The symbol we focused on this weekend was the anchor.

Our hope is our anchor. It shouldn't be an empty hope, but rather an expectant hope. "Well... I hope so?" VS. "My hope is in Jesus, and I know so."

Hope in Jesus is a confident expectation.

Tune In:

Take a moment to read these passages to prepare for the weekend's discussion.

Hebrews 6:19

Romans 8:24

1 Peter 1:3

Go Deep:

Pastor Rob said that Jesus is not our anchor, but our hope IN Jesus in our anchor.

1. Take a moment to reflect on a difficult time where your hope wasn't anchored in Jesus. Now reflect on a time where your hope was anchored in Jesus. How did those two experiences differ? Maybe one stole your joy and the other gave you joy and peace?
2. Do you find that you easily anchor yourself in things that steal your hope and joy instead of things that build your hope and joy? What places do you find yourself drifting into when you aren't anchored in Jesus?
- 3.. What are some steps we can take to lift our anchors out of fear, anxiety, doubt, and the world and anchor our hope in Jesus?

Live Out:

In 1 Peter 1:13-17 Peter tells us that we should prepare our minds for action and exercise self-control. We need to put all of our hope in Jesus and live in obedience. He tells us not to slip back into our old ways of living, but to be holy in everything we do just as God is holy. This isn't something that comes naturally or easy, but requires us to daily anchor our hope in Jesus and actively aim for more of Christ and less of ourselves.