



**1 Peter 1:3** ...In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**John 16:33** I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart, I have overcome the world.

**Ephesians 6:12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil, in the heavenly realms.

### Icebreaker

Share one thing you are anticipating or looking forward to in the future?

### Conversation Starters

1. As you live today in the “now”, are you more easily focused upon and influenced by “in this world you will have trouble” or “rejoice for I have overcome the world”?
  - a. Where do you need to look for ways that the Kingdom of God has broken through right now all around us?
  - b. Where do you most need hope for the not yet, for the day when God makes all things new?
2. For now, there are multiple kingdoms in this world, competing against the kingdom of God. The Kingdom of Evil and The Kingdom of Self (where we live for ourselves) Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
  - a. How will you put your focus on the Kingdom of God? Where can you look for the kingdom of God, places you normally overlook? Where have you grown too old to see the Kingdom of God in small, insignificant places?
3. In order to increase your joy in God’s promised eternal kingdom, make a list of 5-10 concrete things you look forward to experiencing and share your list with someone you trust.



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EVERYTHING NEW