



MESSENGERS OF  
**HOPE**



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Fall 2019 Adult Ed Mission Class

***Rooted and Reaching – A New Season and a New Series***

- Romans 15:13
- *'In Christ Alone'*

***Messengers of Hope – and You?***

- Our goal is to hear from our mission partners and friends how they have been messengers of hope and to be encouraged ourselves to be messengers of hope in our own context.
- Introduce our class facilitators each week.
- Consider each week these questions.
  - ✓ What does it mean to be a messenger of hope in the context we have heard this morning?
  - ✓ What has given you hope as you have heard from our mission partner / friend this morning?
  - ✓ How has God prepared you to be a messenger of hope in your own context?
- Pray for our mission partner and for each other.

***Dave Ivaska's Own Testimony –***

- How have we been rooted in hope over the years?  
How has God helped us to be reaching out in sharing that hope?
- Just getting started... a look back 50 years ago.
  - ✓ When 2 Peter 1 fell out of my Bible!
- Crossing cultures taught us a deeper appreciation of what it means to be a 'messenger of hope'
  - ✓ 'Friendship Is Footprints' – When we began to see God's story throughout the Bible enriching each of our own stories in the situations we found ourselves – joyful or dreadful!
- Hitting bottom and finding that God is deeper still!
  - ✓ Discovering the strength of "*Be Not Afraid*", not just for myself but for so many others when we are tempted to lose all hope.
- Most recently being with my brother Paul when he passed away & what that taught once again.
  - ✓ "*We have this treasure in earthen vessels*" 2 Corinthians 4:7

**Hearing from and encouraging one another**

- *'My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less'*

***Next week – Jamil Chabouh***

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