Evergreen – Week Three Large Group Questions – Hope

1. What are you most excited for this Christmas break? Is anyone traveling? If so, where?
2. In your own words, how would you define “hope”?
3. Why is hope talked about so much around Christmas time?
4. Why is it difficult to trust in the promises of God?
5. Read Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 together. Why is this passage such an amazing example of hope?
6. Have someone read these two verses from “O Holy Night”...

[Verse 1]

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,

It is the night of the dear Saviour’s birth;

Long lay the world in sin and error pining,

'Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,

For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;

[Verse 2]

Truly He taught us to love one another;

His law is Love and His gospel is Peace;

Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,

And in his name all oppression shall cease,

Sweet hymns of joy in grateful Chorus raise we;

Let all within us praise his Holy name!

Where do you see hope in this passage?

1. Hope can feel like a very abstract concept. What does it look like to live-out hope in your day-to-day life? What could this look like over this Christmas season?