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Growth Group Questions, week of April 24, 2016

1. In the message this weekend, Steve Highfill discussed the critical role that hope plays in our life journey, especially when we encounter difficulties and obstacles. Read Titus 2:11-15. What does Paul say the "blessed hope" is, and how does it relate to living life in a complicated world? What is the primary difference in the world's common view of hope and a biblical view of hope based on God's reliability?

2. Everyone welcomes reassurances that we are known and loved, especially in our relationship with God. Read John 20:24-29. Compare Thomas' outlook with the promise we have in Psalm 139 (especially verses 17-18).

3. Why did Steve call "the church," and specifically our church, the "gift that keeps on giving?" As you reflect on the essential role played by the Holy Spirit in creating and sustaining the miracle of the church, what can we learn and apply regarding the role He must be allowed to play in our personal and family lives?

4. None of us make it through life without encountering occasional conflict and resistance. How does a proper understanding of spiritual warfare help us properly view other people when there are difficulties in relationships?

5. Steve concluded with a "guaranteed investment tip." Re-read Romans 1:16-17. Identify one or several areas in your life where you are tempted to believe that change, or transformation (in you, in someone else, or in a circumstance) is impossible. Find several times this week to prayerfully reflect on the promises about the power of the Gospel, and consciously surrender (and re-surrender) your outlook to Jesus.