

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Christmas at Hope City Week 2

The “want” is wonderful AFTER the “need” has been met.

Wanting something doesn’t make it good for you.

1) What do you NEED for this holiday season?

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- 2) What do you NEED to finish this year strong?

**Top 5 Needs For Holiday Season**

1) You NEED Peace.

*Seek peace and pursue it.*

**Psalm 34:14 (NIV)**

2) You NEED Joy.

*A joyful heart is good medicine but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.*


**Proverb 17:22 (ESV)**

**Happiness is circumstantial.**

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Joy is supernatural.**

*In all our affliction, I am overflowing with joy.*

**2 Corinthians 7:4 (ESV)**



*You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

**Psalm 16:11 (ESV)**

*Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.*

**James 1:2-3 (ESV)**

*But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.*

**Psalm 5:11 (NIV)**

**3) You NEED Priorities.**

**Priorities are established based upon purpose and assignment.**

*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

**Matthew 6:33 (NIV)**

*If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.*

**James 1:5 (NLT)**

**4) You NEED Grace.**

*For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.*

**John 1:16 (ESV)**

**Before we can offer grace, we have to receive it.**

**Grace Empowers Us To Grow.**

*But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

**2 Corinthians 12:9 (ESV)**

*But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.*

**2 Corinthians 8:7 (ESV)**

*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

**Ephesians 4:32 (ESV)**

**5) You NEED Hope.**



**Proverbs 13:12 (NIV)**

*Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord your God.*

**Joshua 1:9 (NIRV)**

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

**Jeremiah 29:11(NIV)**

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”*

**Romans 15:13 (ESV)**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. What are some questions or curiosities you have from today’s message? (Leader Note: This is a great place to understand where your group is in their spiritual walk and understanding. Encourage members to ask whatever questions they may have - often, people are hesitant to ask questions when they feel they might be too “basic” or about something they should already know)
2. What is one point from the message that stuck out to you? Why? (Leader Note: As members share their points, allow people to engage with one another about these points. Are two or more people bringing up the same point? Use that time to talk more about it, see how it moves you and your members - the Holy Spirit may be leading your House Party in a specific direction)
3. What is a truth about God, the world, or yourself that you have learned today?
4. What is one way you can apply this message to your life this week? (Leader Note: Great applications are S.M.A.R.T: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-bound).