

"Epic #7 -Hope In and For Our Broken World"

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EPIC

The Epic story so far:

God created things good. But because of humanity's rebellion, we now have broken relationships with God, with ourselves, with each other, and with the \_\_\_\_\_ itself. (Genesis 3.17-19)

This is the darkest part of the Epic story.

Something to remember today:

Even in the midst of great darkness there is \_\_\_\_\_ . (Genesis 3.15)

The Old Testament story builds towards God's \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in Jesus Christ.

That hope is that everything \_\_\_\_\_ will be fixed—including our relationship with the natural world. (Romans 8.18-22)

What practical difference should this hope make in our lives?

We need to realize there is hope \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of \_\_\_\_\_.

Three practical things to do with our hope this week:

1. Courageously decide to \_\_\_\_\_ it.
2. Partner with Redeemer to \_\_\_\_\_ with others.
3. Partner with Compassion to \_\_\_\_\_ to a child in need.

You don't have to be a rocket scientist to look at our world and realize that something has gone wrong. How did it get this bad? And how do we find our way out of this mess? In the weeks leading up to Easter we'll explore the epic story of a good creation gone bad and the price God paid to bring it back to Him. Over the next few weeks we'll tell that story in three chapters by walking together through the Old Testament in order to see what went wrong, what that means for us today, and what God has done to set things right.

EPIC: In the Beginning...

- 2/13: The Foundation
- 2/20: Living The Dream
- 2/27: Do You Know Your Enemy?

EPIC: Broken By Evil

- 3/6: Coming From Together
- 3/13: Our Broken Relationship with Ourselves
- 3/20: Our Broken Relationship with Others
- 3/27: Hope In and For Our Broken World**

EPIC: The Great Rescue

- 4/3: Abraham, the Patriarchs, and the Exodus
- 4/10: The Judges, the Kings, and the Exile
- 4/17: The Life, Ministry, and Death of Jesus (Palm Sunday)
- 4/24: The Resurrection of the Son of God (Easter Sunday)

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## Talk it over...with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

*Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.*

- During the sermon today Mike talked about how the Biblical view is that one day all of creation will be restored. Is that a new idea for you? Why does this even matter? What implications should that have for the way you live?
- When you think about your life and the lives of those you know, what are the areas where you see the greatest need for hope? How have you experienced God's hope in dark areas of your life before? Is there a way that you could share that hope with others in their need?
- Why do you think God had you here today? What do you need to take away from this sermon? What steps do you need to take to apply this to your life today?

**Some next steps:** Here are some things you can do this week to dig deeper:

- If you want to learn more about Compassion International's child sponsorship program and have some time to think and pray about it before making that commitment you can find out more information about child sponsorship at [www.compassion.com](http://www.compassion.com)
- Next week Joe will start our journey towards the cross by walking us through the first books of the Old Testament. We'll prepare for a time of communion together by talking about how God rescued the people of Israel from Egypt on the Passover. To prepare yourself for communion, spend some time this week thinking about the ways God has brought freedom into your life. If you have areas where you need him to set you free or rescue you spend time this week praying about that.



SERMON NOTES