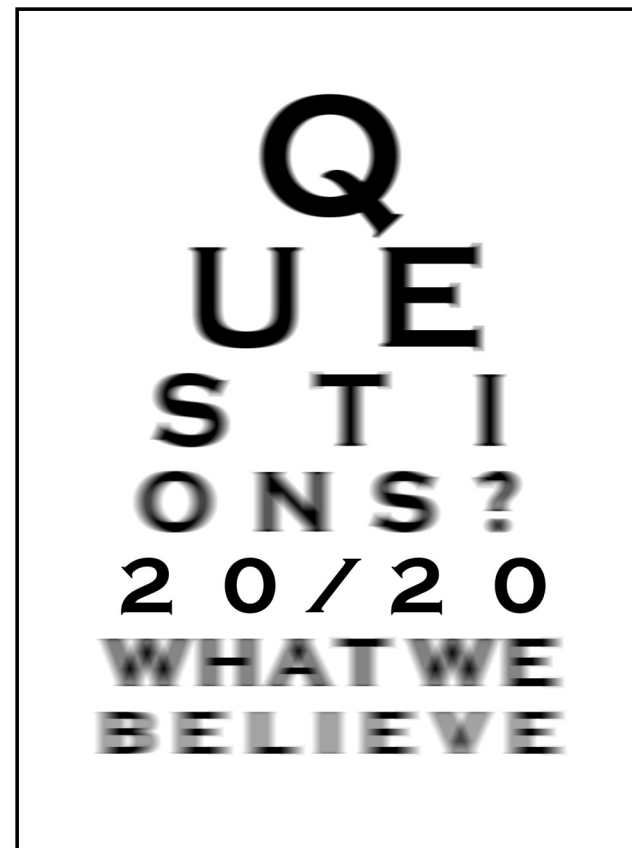


Week of:	Topic
God, Creation, and the Entrance of Sin:	
1/20	WHO IS GOD? <i>There is one God eternally existing as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.</i> Isaiah 40:18-28, 42:1-9; Revelation 1:8, 17-18; John 14:1-11; 23-26, 16:12-15; 1 Corinthians 2:9-16
1/27	HOW CAN I KNOW ABOUT GOD? <i>God revealed himself in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, the inspired word of God, without contradiction, the only reliable guide-book for life.</i> Psalm 119:9, 30, 65-72, 137-144; Nehemiah 8:7-12; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Hebrews 4:12-13; 2 Peter 1:16-21; John 20:30-31
2/3	HOW DID IT ALL BEGIN? <i>In the beginning God created all things by his Son. He made humanity in his divine image, with free will, moral character, and a spiritual nature.</i> Genesis 1; Colossians 1:15-16; Psalm 104:1-35; Psalm 139:1-18; 1 Corinthians 15:42-49; Romans 1:18-20; Job 38,39
2/10	WHY IS THE WORLD SO TROUBLED? <i>Humanity fell into sin, bringing depravity and death upon the race; as a sinner, each one of us is self-centered and self-willed, unwilling and unable to break with sin which leads to eternal separation from God.</i> Genesis 3:1-24; Romans 3:9-18; Psalm 14:1-3; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Jeremiah 17:9-10; 2 Timothy 3:15; Psalm 51; 1 John 3:4-10
How Sin Scarred God's Creation:	
2/17, 2/24	DOES SCIENCE CONTRADICT THE BIBLE? Many now question the origins of life and our planet. Revisit Genesis 1-2 and Job 38-39 and contrast with Romans 1:18-25
3/2	HOW DID SIN SCAR IDENTITY? Genesis 1 and 2 also reveal the sanctity of human life and God's brilliant creation of gender, two areas of great confusion in our day.
3/9	HOW DID SIN SCAR GOD'S DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE? <i>Both singleness and marriage are honored by God, who designed marriage to be the union of one man and one woman for life; sexual intimacy is reserved for within this sacred union.</i> Genesis 2:20-25; Ephesians 5:22-33; Song of Songs 2:3-13; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16; Matthew 19:3-12

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God's Solution:	
3/16	WHO IS JESUS? <i>God revealed himself supremely in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, born of a virgin, being both fully human and fully divine.</i> Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38; John 1:1-14; Hebrews 1:1-14; Isaiah 9:6-7; Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 4:14-16
3/23	HOW CAN I BE SET FREE FROM SIN? <i>On the cross Jesus Christ took our place, bore our sins, died our death, then rose from the grave; and for that reason alone God freely forgives those who repent and believe in faith.</i> Ephesians 2:1-10; John 10:10-18; Romans 3:21-26; Colossians 1:13-14, 19-23, 2:13-15; Romans 6:1-14 John 3:16-17; Acts 4:8-13
3/30	WHAT IS COMMUNION? <i>The church observes the Lord's supper as a symbol of Christ's broken body and shed blood and the fellowship of his church until his return.</i> Luke 9:18-22; Mark 10:32-34; 12:1-12; Luke 22:7-23; 1 Corinthians 10:14-17, 11:23-34; Acts 2:46-47
3/30	WHAT IS WATER BAPTISM? <i>Those who repent and believe should be baptized with water as a symbol of cleansing from sin, a new life and commitment to Christ.</i> John 3:1-8; Matthew 3:13-17; Acts 2:36-39; Acts 8:36-40; Acts 10:44-48; Romans 6:1-14; Hebrews 10:19-23
4/6	HE IS ALIVE! Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20, 1 Corinthians 15
4/13	HOW WILL THE WORLD END? <i>Jesus Christ's personal return will be visible in power and glory to consummate salvation and judgement; thus the church serves sacrificially and joyfully anticipating eternal life with God.</i> Mark 13:5-31; Revelation 1:5-8; Matthew 13:37-43; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 51-56; Revelation 21:1-5; 2 Timothy 4:6-8; Revelation 22:12-21
4/20	IS HELL REAL? The church seems to have swung from the "fire and brimstone" altar calls of a few decades ago to an "age of grace" with no mention of judgment or hell whatsoever. Have we convinced ourselves that a loving God would never judge or punish disobedient children? Is hell a metaphor or a reality? Matthew 25:31-46; 5:29-30, 10:28; Revelation 21:8; Hebrews 10:26-31; 2 Peter 3:8-14

Week of:	Topic
The Ministry of the Holy Spirit:	
4/27 & 5/4	<p>WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT? <i>The Holy Spirit convicts of sin, guides for life, and empowers for service. His supernatural work makes new life and new birth possible.</i> <i>John 16:7-15; Romans 8:5-17, 26-27; Galatians 5:16-26; 1 Samuel 16:13; Luke 4:18-19; Acts 1:4-8, 2:17-21; Luke 11:9-13; 1 Corinthians 2</i></p>
5/11	<p>WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT? <i>Gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to all who follow Christ, so that men and women, single and married, young and old, can work together to build up the church and bring the world to Christ.</i> <i>Luke 24:45-49; Ephesians 4:7-16; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31; Ephesians 3:7-8; Romans 12:1-8; Ephesians 4:29-32; 1 Peter 4:8-11</i></p>
5/18	<p>HOW CAN WE OVERCOME EVIL? <i>Spiritual warfare demands spiritual weapons; the word must be preached in the power of the Spirit, and we must intercede for Christ's victory to be established over principalities and powers of evil.</i> <i>Ephesians 6:10-20; 2 Corinthians 10:3-4; Daniel 10:10-14, 20; Matthew 18:18-20, 1 Peter 5:8-11; Luke 8:26-39; 1 Timothy 2:1-8</i></p>
The Church—The Body of Christ:	
5/25	<p>WHAT IS THE CHURCH? <i>The church is the body of Christ, a redeemed people, obedient to God, a people of love, prayer, and healing.</i> <i>Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 John 2:3-6; John 17:6-26; Philippians 2:3-4; Galatians 6:1-5; 1 Peter 2:21-25; Colossians 4:2-6</i></p>
6/1	<p>HOW WILL PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT GOD? <i>God gave the whole church and every member of it the task of making Christ known throughout the world.</i> <i>Matthew 28:16-20; John 15:15-17; Colossians 4:5-6; 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:6; Acts 4:18-31; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Acts 8:4</i></p>
6/8	<p>HOW WILL THE HURTING REALLY KNOW LOVE? <i>We must demonstrate God's love by caring for those who are deprived of justice, dignity, food, and shelter.</i> <i>1 John 3:16-18; Matthew 5:13-16; Colossians 3:12-17; Matthew 5:43-48; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 25:31-46; James 2:14-19</i></p>



As we enter 2020, we are living in a time when God's word is being challenged and minimized more than ever, and numerous voices proclaim that there is no God. Many now believe that humans are fully in control of all that happens on our planet and have no one to answer to but ourselves.

As we enter this new year and new decade, we will spend time examining Living Hope's Statement of Faith, as well as other culturally relevant issues, regarding what we believe about God, how He interacts with mankind, and how our lives are to be lived in response.

Let's enter 2020 with clear 20/20 spiritual vision, strong faith, and faithful obedience to our Creator and Savior, fulfilling the mandate of Jesus to be salt and light to the world around us.