

## 122919 Growth Group Study

### Memory and Hope



**Background:** We live in the present between memory and hope. The past lives on in memory, for good or for ill, enabling or debilitating us for the future which looms ahead. Do we see an open doorway to hope, or is the door closed? The last Sunday of the year is a good time to pause and pay attention to our memories of the past year and our hopes for the new year. We will have a time of body life to share memories and hopes for which we can give thanks and offer prayers.

#### Discussion Questions

##### 1. Preparation

- a. As you reflect on the sermon, what stands out to you most?
- b. What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
- c. What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?

##### 2. Sermon questions

- a. What are your best memories from 2019? Looking back, how can you see God at work in those memories? Can you discern “the ways in which these memories have shaped your identity?”
- b. What are your greatest hopes for 2020? How does fear play into those hopes?
- c. What Scripture passage(s) help you remember your true identity in Christ (as a child of his and as belonging to his family)? Which Scripture passages give you hope for the future?