



# Hope Small Groups

*A place to belong, grow and serve.*

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### Dare to Believe: Church CAN be Different

September 25-26, 2010

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- Share a story of how Hope Church has impacted your life or that of someone you know.**
- What does it mean to you to celebrate God’s presence?**  
*Psalm 100:2*
- How does God’s Word affect you?**  
*John 8:32*

#### **READ 2 Timothy 3:16-17**

- In what ways listed in this verse do you most often use scripture? Is that good?**
- Why is it imperative that we as individuals and as the church demonstrate God’s love?**  
*James 2:15 – 16; Hebrews 10:24*

#### **READ Ephesians 4:13**

- What do you feel when you read this verse?**
- How do you see us most effectively offering hope to our city, to other nations, etc.? As a church or as individuals.**
- How do you plan to offer hope to someone this week?**

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