



# Hope Small Groups

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March 19-20, 2011  
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- **What emotions do these verses create in you?**
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- **Can you be a substitute for someone else? If so, how?**
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