

# Mystic



## ✓ **Prepare in Advance**

Facilitator: In advance of the session:

- Provide paper and pens for each participant.
- Retrieve, review, and have ready the videos listed. (Links can be found on this session's webpage.)
- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.

## ✓ **DISCUSS**

Play Michael Buble "Haven't Met You Yet," and then discuss the following as a group.

- What is the singer hoping for?
- Describe Buble's outlook/attitude in the song. How does his hope inform how he lives.

Show the *Bible Background Video*.

Have someone read Isaiah 61:1-11 out loud.

## ✓ **GUIDED COLLOQUY**

A colloquy is a dialog, an imagined conversation between people. Verbally guide people through this journaling experience. Give ample time for people to think and respond to each prompt before going on to the next one. Instruct people to journal a conversation with the exiles. Invite them to imagine that the exiles are in the room with them:

### **Part One**

- You (each person in the group) say: "What hopes does this passage kindle in your souls?"
- They (the exiles) say: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Part Two**

- They say: What are your hopes in life? Complete the sentence: "I hope that . . ." (write as many sentences beginning with those words as you have hopes)
- You say: \_\_\_\_\_
- They say: What adjective (e.g. strengthening/exhilarating/exhausting/risky/etc.) best describes your current attitude towards hope?
- You say: "Hope is . . ."

### **Part Three**

- You say: I know that what you hoped for did not come to fruition in your generation. So what difference did hope make in your lives? How did hope affect the way you lived, and *especially the way you lived with others and for others?* What did hope invite

you to create with God in your "here and now" for the sake of the next generations?

- They say: \_\_\_\_\_

## ✓ **SHARE**

Share your dialog with God silently. Ask God to give you insight into what you have journaled. What do you learn about the role/gift of hope in your own life . . . even if those hopes are not realized in your lifetime?

Share your insights with the larger group.

Close in prayer.

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