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For Individuals

Remember Who You Are

we began at the font. Baptism reminds us : You don't earn a clean conscience - you receive it. You are made new by grace. **Practice:** Sit with this truth: *I am loved. I am made new. I belong to God.*

Name Your Hope

Not a script. A story.

When did God become real to you? Where do you see hope right now?

Practice: Finish this sentence: **The reason for my hope is..**

Notice the Moment

Pay attention to where people are already opening up. **Practice:** Step into one conversation with simple courage.

Speak Like Jesus

“With gentleness and respect.” No pressure. No posturing. Just honesty shaped by love. **Prayer:** Jesus, let my words sound like You.

Leave the results to God

Your role is not to change hearts - only to be faithful

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For Families/Households

Share Hope

Ask: What gave you hope today? When did God become real to you?

Say It Out Loud

Practice together: **“The reason I have hope is...”**

Practice Gentleness

What does kindness sound like?

Practice: Choose gentleness in one hard moment this week.

Encourage Someone

Pick one person to encourage - with a word, note, or text.

Pray Together

“Jesus, thank You for our hope. Help us share it with gentleness and love. Amen.”