**July 21 Discussion Questions - Hope**

Malachi 4

***Review***

**The Warning:**

For Evildoers there will be Judgment and Wrath (4:1,6; Rev. 21:8)

“He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seekingand do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality.” Romans 2:6-11

**The Promise:**

For God-fearers there will be Peace and Joy(4:2-5)

* Healing (v. 2a; 1 Cor. 15:52-53)
* Happiness (v. 2b; Rev. 19:7)
* Holiness (v. 4; 1 John 3:2-3)
* Harmony (v. 6; John 17:23)

***Connect***

1. What are you most looking forward to in the next year or two? Why?
2. Why is it so important to have hope for the future?

***Read Malachi 4***

***Discuss***

1. How does the warning in verse 1 and 6 make you feel? Why? (see also 3:16-18)
2. How do the promises in verses 2-6 make you feel? Why?
3. Read each of the NT passages above for each of the promises. How do these encourage you?

***Apply***

1. Why is it important to remember that we were made for eternity? How does it help you to meditate on heaven?
2. Who are you burdened for who is not a believer or does not have this confidence in heaven?
3. How could you share your hope in Jesus this week?

***Pray***

1. How can we pray for you?