

The Road to Hope

Welcome to the first Sunday of 2019. Traditionally this is Epiphany Sunday, when we celebrate the Wise Men visiting Jesus. We now use the word “epiphany” to mean God revealing himself in a fresh way to us. May that happen today!

2019 = less Fear, more Hope

New Harvest Storyline
points us to . . .

Romans 5:1-5

* The Road - “through our Lord Jesus Christ” (v.1)

✓ Past—justified

✓ Present—access

✓ Future—glory

Note—Each of these are presented as if they happened simultaneously.

* The Journey - the path to glory

✓ Perseverance—spiritual muscle

✓ Character—refining process

✓ Hope - confidence

The Key—trust in the Lord

Reflective Questions

- 1) Whether you like resolutions or not—what could be a helpful resolution for you as we begin 2019?
- 2) What stands out to you in our church storyline?
- 3) How does the certainty of the Road help you on your Journey? Why is hope a great word for 2019?

NEW HARVEST STORYLINE

You were created for connection: connection to Christ and to a community of His followers. But fear gets in the way, which can make you feel hopeless. And no one in a church should ever feel hopeless.

We understand. We've experienced the same fear and failures. But we've accepted Christ's invitation to live without fear and to open ourselves to deep, meaningful connections.

When you open up and overcome fear, you can go from hopeless to hopeful and start living a