

**Deane Parish Church Home Groups
w/b Sunday 18th July 2016**

Big Bible Words - Hope

What are the different ways in which we use the word “hope”?

“Hope is the assurance of something not yet fully experienced, yet quite different from uncertain wishful thinking” – Douglas Moo

What do you make of this definition of Christian hope?
In what ways is the Christian idea of hope different from everyday use?

Read through Psalm 42 and 43 – originally these Psalms were meant to be read together.

How does the writer describe *his own feelings*? What phrases does he use? What is he looking for?

How does the writer describe *God*? What phrases does he use?
How does he think about God?

How might we use this Psalm to help us strengthen our muscle of hope? How can it help us to pray?

Other helpful Psalms to meditate on when we need to exercise hope. Pick one to read out loud slowly now.

Psalm 4
Psalm 23
Psalm 25
Psalm 27
Psalm 46
Psalm 63

Psalm 77
Psalm 91
Psalm 103
Psalm 121
Psalm 130