**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS for HOPE SERMON - Rod McNeill, 29 March 2020**

**Bible Reading 2 Corinthians 4:6-18

*It will be helpful for you to have re-read the passage and to look at these questions before you join the group discussion.***

1. **Try to summarise the passage in one sentence**. Share this later with your group.
2. **Was there something in Rod’s sermon on Hope, which resonated with you or challenged you? In what way?**
3. In his sermon, Rod said something like,
*“Hope is based on the eternal overcoming the immediate.”*
**What is most challenging now for you to maintain an eternal perspective on your present circumstances?**
4. **What comfort can you draw from the following passage in our reading?**

*V7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that this all surpassing power is from God and not from us. 8 We are* ***hard pressed*** *on every side, yet not crushed; we are* ***perplexed****, but not in despair; 9* ***persecuted****, but not abandoned;* ***struck down****, but not destroyed………,
V16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.*

1. **Exercising Hope**
**How will you “gird up your mind” in the coming week?** **Is there something in the sermon or the passage, or one of the passages below, which you can use as a resource in the week ahead?**

Write it down now. Maybe put it into your week calendar to be reminded.

(Other passages : Proverbs 3:1-6; Proverbs 4:20-23; Psalm 119:81; Psalm 43:5; Ps 31:24)