**JOURNEY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

To accompany the sermon by Craig Lydon, 26 April 2020

**People of Hope**

This sermon was the final in the series on HOPE IS HERE, and discusses three forms of hope that people experience, including and especially, the sure hope we have in Jesus. Please read the Bible passage carefully before discussing.  
***Bible reading Colossians 1:1-14***

1. Sometimes our thoughts are more dangerous to our wellbeing than our circumstances.   
   1.1 In what ways might our thoughts about our recent circumstances potentially “steal” or undermine our hope in God?   
   1.2 How does Colossians 1:12-14 assist us to re-order our thoughts?
2. Paul in his letters seems constantly to be giving thanks and praying for the churches to which he is writing (Col 1:3,9-12; Philippians 1:3-5,9,-11; 1 Thess 1:2-3; 2 Tim 1:3-4; Eph 1:15—18).

Given that these churches were often in difficult circumstances, what do these prayers teach us about the value of (various types of) prayer?

1. Read Col 1:21-23 and Col 2:6-7  
   What are you doing to become a self-feeder who is established and strong in faith, not moved?  
   How can your group assist in this?
2. Share about any ways in which you have seen God’s fingerprints upon your life this past week.