



**MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE
WEEK 1 – HOPE**

TENSION QUESTION

What are we _____ _____?
_____ are we _____ for it?

BIG IDEA

How we _____ for His return will _____ our _____ His
return.

NOTES

DIGGING IN

1. What is troubling, poor, and/or imperfect in your life as you transition into the Christmas season this year?
2. Why is that worthy of reflection while you wait for Jesus' birth?
3. Where has God shown you His lovingkindness already?
4. How could you intentionally prepare for Jesus' second coming as you celebrate His first coming over the next four weeks?
5. Who in your life is currently in "the depths" and would benefit from hope in Jesus' deliverance?

DIGGING DEEPER

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