



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 2: Hope Defined

Suggested Week of Use: June 13, 2021

Core Passage: Job 14:1-14

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### News Story Summary

Last month, a company called Horizon Therapeutics released the findings of a phase 1 trial for a medication that eases the symptoms of lupus, an autoimmune disease. In the trial, symptoms improved for 87% of the patients after just a month, easing rashes and sores and scarring from lesions that can occur for some people with lupus.

Researchers pointed out that the new medication offers hope—for now. Some doctors emphasized that early phases of trials show promise of treatment but disappoint in later phases of trials. People with lupus will need to balance their hope with the understanding that the medication has a long way to go before this drug is approved.

For more about this story, search “experimental lupus treatment offers hope.”

### Focus Attention

To replace the activity under Focus Attention, write the following on a large sheet of paper: *I hope...* As adults arrive, give each one a note card and pen or pencil. Direct the class to complete the sentence by writing things for which they hope, such as “I hope my team wins the game.” Instruct them to write as many answers as they can. After several minutes, allow volunteers to share their responses. Write their answers on the sheet of paper.

Recall the news story about the possible treatment for some symptoms of lupus. Ask: *How can a person balance hope and the potential of disappointment?* Help the group understand that need for a balanced perspective in other areas identified on their cards. Then say: *Today we will be talking about the source and object of our hope that will not disappoint.*

### Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Pray activity under Summarize and Challenge, recall the story of lupus treatment. Point out that the possibility of the medication working gives some people hope. Then direct the group to review the answers on the large sheet of paper that you used in the opening activity. Lead the group to identify any common themes seen in the situations listed. Ask: *How are these hopes different than the hope believers have in God?* Remind the group that they can hope in God because of His character and His goodness. Complete the step as written.