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Use these options to supplement and enhance the group plans on the previous pages.

### MUSIC

Prior to the session, secure a recording of “Christ Our Hope in Life and Death,” by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell, and Matt Papa. Have the song playing in the background as the group arrives. At the conclusion of group time, enlist a volunteer to read the lyrics of the song to illustrate the hope we have in Christ.

### VISUAL/OBJECT LESSON

#### ***A sieve and a small amount of cracker crumbs of varying sizes***

To accompany the study of Amos 9:9, display the sieve and pour the cracker crumbs into the sieve. Gently shake, allowing the larger pieces to remain in the sieve. Explain that God in judgment will separate the wheat and the chaff. Read Matthew 3:12. Discuss: ***Why do many people consider themselves exempt from God’s judgment?***

### WORD STUDY/RELATIONAL

Work in teams of two to four people to complete the Bible Skill activity (PSG, p. 44). Instruct each team to review the following verses that recognize Jesus as the Son of David: Matthew 12:23; 15:22; 21:9,15; Mark 12:35-37; Revelation 5:5. To maximize time, the verses could be divided among the teams. Discuss the following questions: ***What do these verses reveal about God’s fulfilling His purpose to restore Israel through “the fallen shelter of David” (Amos 9:11)? In what ways did Jesus personify the idea of “fallen shelter” during His time here on earth?***

### PHYSICAL

Lead the group to respond to the following statements by moving to a specified corner of the room that represents their opinion. Label the corners *agree*, *strongly agree*, *disagree*, and *strongly disagree*. After everyone has responded to a point, allow time for a representative from the majority decision and a representative from the minority decision to share their thinking on why they made the choice they did.

- Hope and action are intertwined.
- Hope can be learned.
- Hope is easily obtained.
- Hope is usually a feeling of optimism based on reality.
- Hope is reserved for believers.