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b. The People Involved - ...
c. The ... First

II. A Careful Look at the Promise ... What this verse promises for the people involved and for us

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How Does This Apply to Us Today?

- I. The Christian life will always be a ...
II. Our victories will not come without ...
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2. Our faith has been challenged and tested on many levels in 2020. Yet, our hope can remain in the truth that our God is faithful! Take a moment to read through and reflect on the following passages, asking God to speak to you about the hope we have in Jesus. Jot down anything that catches your attention regarding the hope and power of who Jesus is and what God has done for us.

1 Peter 1:3-7 Romans 15:13 Psalm 33:18-22

Looking back at what you wrote above, what is the best reminder to help you keep your hope in Jesus alive

3. It's amazing to think the birth of Jesus was prophesied (promised) thousands of years before he was. Seeing the fulfillment of this prophecy can firm up our faith and remind us of the true value of Christmas. Read through the verses below about the birth of Jesus and jot down what stood out to you.

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Isaiah 11:1 Jeremiah 23:5 Luke 1:26-35

What stands out to you from these verses? What encourages you from the verses above? What troubles you?

- 6. Here are some more challenging questions that will be great to ponder among your small group.
a. Why does the holiday of Christmas seemingly bring people out to church that rarely, if ever, go at other times of the year?
b. Can a person who professes to believe in Christ, but who lives for himself for most of the year, be assured of his salvation? Why/why not?
c. Why is believing in the virgin birth essential to the Christian faith? What other essential doctrines fall if it falls?
d. Is it right to give assurance of salvation to a person who claims to be a Christian, but who is living in known sin? Why/why not?



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b. The People Involved – Serpent, Adam, Eve
c. The Bad News First

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- a. Endless Conflict
i. The Seed of the Woman
ii. Satan has his Seed Also

Matthew Henry puts it well when he says: This is the real "Conflict of the Ages"–the struggle between those who believe in God and those who don't.

- b. Temporary Defeat
c. Ultimate Victory

How Does This Apply to Us Today?

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II. Our victories will not come without wounds.
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