

Hope Machines
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Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

LOOK

All robed in white, we celebrated All Saints Day this Sunday. And at The Point we began a lively and thought provoking discussion around our stewardship theme of hope. But as I write this LBT we are learning of yet another deadly mass shooting; this time in a Sunday church service.

1. Is hope elusive and tied to circumstances? Why or why not?
2. How is hope different from optimism?
3. What new lessons about hope did you learn at The Point discussion?

BOOK 1 John 3:1-3

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.”

1. What does it mean to claim our identity as children of God?
2. What anchors our hope?
3. What is the purpose of hope?

TOOK

Rev. Lisa says that Christians are living hope machines and that hope is contagious.

1. If hope is contagious, how is it spread?
2. What gives you hope right now? What will you do with that hope?