

Hope Presbyterian Church
Adult Faith Formation Sermon-Based Bible Study

July 26, 2026

“The Eyes of Our Heart”

#1 in the series *You Asked for It*

Scripture Texts

Psalm 24:1 (NIV), Genesis 2:15 (NIV),
1 Corinthians 15:35-44 (NLT), Ephesians 1:18-19 (NIV)



Note: Congregation members were asked to submit topics for this sermon series. This week’s sermon addresses three topics: Creation Care, Cremation, and The Eyes of Our Heart.

1. Topic 1 - Creation Care

Creation Care is the *Christian practice of loving and stewarding God’s creation because it belongs to God, not us.*

Read Psalm 24:1 and Genesis 2:15

- What information about Creation Care stood out to you?
- How do you respond to the idea that we are not the owners of Creation, but we are the caretakers?
- How does Creation Care as a spiritual practice intersect with our faith?

2. Topic 2 - Cremation

Some people question whether the practice of cremation is in keeping with Christian beliefs about life in heaven after death.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-44

- What ideas about cremation, if any, have raised questions for you?
- How does Paul’s response about natural bodies and spiritual bodies help us better understand the question, “How will the dead be raised”?

3. Topic 3 - The Eyes of Our Heart

In his letter to the early church at Ephesus, Paul writes to encourage and bless them, praying their hearts would be able to see the *hope* they have in God, a sense of *belonging* to Him, and a recognition of His *power*.

Read Ephesians 1:18-19

- Why might it have been important for Paul to suggest that their hearts have the capacity to see and not just understand?
- What can cloud our vision of the hope we have in Christ?
- What happens when we see ourselves as “belonging” to God?
- How is our compassion for others evidence of God’s power?

4. How can we pray for you?