

### DISCUSSION questions

1. Imagine you're a foster or adoptive child coming to New Hope Church for the first time. What are some things you or your family might experience that could be difficult?
2. In Job 31, Job recounts how he has expressed right living in his community by using the phrase, "If I have . . ." Read Job 31:13-28 and list all the different ways Job lived out righteousness.
3. How has God been stirring your heart through these past few weeks? What hesitations or anxieties do you have as you think about your role in caring for orphans?
4. Brainstorm some practical ways that you as a group and as individuals could address God's mandate to the church, either in "front-line" or "wrap-around" ways. What would a next step look like for you to say "yes" to God's call?
5. Spend time in prayer, confessing both our corporate and personal shortcomings in living out this aspect of our faith. Thank God for His mercy and grace through Jesus. Pray for strength, courage and opportunity to practically express God's heart for the fatherless.

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**November 27** *A Christmas Promise*, Micah 5:21, Pastor Matthew St. John