

MAYHEM?

"Is there a message in the mayhem?" - session 2

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Rob Payne

Rob is the Director of Homeless Services at HOPE with many years' experience of development partnerships in education, charity and church contexts. As a former Physics teacher and Christian minister, he enjoys exploring the relationship between faith, history and science.

Rob blogged about his experience of social isolation while undergoing treatment for Leukaemia and is grateful to be in remission now. He is a member of the North London International Church of Christ and is married to Katarína - they have two young children.



How can we respond to a crisis?

How can we respond to what we're seeing? How do we best serve others and bring hope? What doors is God opening because of the virus?

In this session, we will look at what we can learn from the way the early church responded to times of trial, and consider how our prayers, gifts and resources can help bring hope.

Discussion Questions

1. What stood out to you from the talks and what have you been learning through this time?
2. How do you think God wants you to grow and use your gifts and resources to respond to the current challenges in our world?



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Further Resources

To help prepare for this session you might like to watch the following YouTube videos which help us understand the 'big picture' before we focus on particular questions in the session. Some further resources are also added here.

Image of God: Bible Project video

Heaven & Earth: Bible Project video

To read more about the work of the Homeless Services of HOPE worldwide, please visit the 'Two Step' programme website twostep.org.uk.

For a recent sermon by Rob related to his work at HOPE worldwide click here: [Compassion of Jesus sermon](#).

Ronke's [JustGiving page](#).

Rob's [reference](#) for the writings he quotes.

Some useful scriptures

Romans 12.1-8

Revelation 21.1-4

Luke 9:57-58, 10:20, 10:25-37, 12:15, 18:22

Acts 8:1-4, 16:25, 10:1-29, 16:1-3

NEXT Week

The focus for Saturday 13th June is - How may we live differently in the future?

Dr Andy Boakye and Malcolm Cox will be exploring in what ways followers of Christ may want to live differently as a result of the pandemic. Can we perceive the Spirit prompting us to think and live differently? How does the virus change the way we think about our mission, lifestyles, social responsibilities, and our impact on the planet?

In this session, we will consider how the world is changing and what role Christians and churches play in responding to and bringing about change.

If you have not already done so, you can register [here](#).