**SGA English Sermon, Matt Gaw – Jan 4 2014 - Power of Hope**

Luke 5:14-26 – Jesus heals a Paralytic

How do we get hope:

1. **Hang on to promises and scripture. This gives hope.** 
   * What promises in scripture do you hang on to? What dark times have you had where these helped pulled you out?
2. **Hang on to precious experiences. This gives hope.**
   * Have you seen “remarkable things” (Luke 5:26) that remind you of what God has done in your life?
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3. **Hang on to Jesus. He is our hope.**
   * People have used religion, church and Christianity as a replacement for Jesus himself. (Communion was my example)
   * What substitutes for Jesus do you have in your life?
   * How can you get back to hanging on to Jesus?

* How far would you go to be with Jesus? Has there been a time in your life where you figuratively tore open a roof to get to Christ?
* What holds you back in your daily walk t-o walk with Christ? How can you overcome them? How can the group help you overcome them?
* What do you hope for in your walk with Christ in 2015?