Small Group Notes based on "Rise Up 2014"

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- Make sure everyone knows each other's names. Have everyone share a little about themselves and how life is going right now.
- Good Hope Church's Vision Statement is, "Reach Up, Rise Up, Reach Out."
    - What does that mean to you?
- Today's focus is "Rise Up."
- How do you think "The Church" is doing in America?
    - Who is "The Church?" Are you part of that?
    - If everyone was like you, what would "The Church" be like?
- "Rise Up" is about getting out of the junk that pulls us down and into the fullness of God's plan for our lives. Read **Romans 12** thinking about what it means to "Rise Up."
- The first two verses are about rising up out of our junk. What is the way we get transformed from verse 2?
    - So, what do you think "the renewing of your mind" is like?
    - Have you experienced that? What was the transformation that happened?
- The rest of the chapter is a bunch of stuff we are to "Rise Up" into.
    - What jumps out at you from Romans 12?
    - Are there things in that chapter that you have not risen up into yet?
    - How would your life be different if you were to be transformed in those areas?
        - For example: from Romans 12:21, what if you were able to overcome evil with good because you had your thinking changed in that area?
- Pick one or two of the characteristics described in Romans 12 and have faith to personally be transformed in that area. When you pray for each other pray for these areas of transformation.
- Pray for each other before you finish up!