



Bringing Hope in Time of Disaster

1. Natural disasters happen around our world every day. Some are worse than others, but they all leave behind people in need of help and care. Why is it important for the church to reach out to those involved in disasters? _____

What does the Bible say about this principle? _____

2. It is easy to think we cannot make a significant difference in times of crisis. But even if our contribution is small, when combined with similar actions of many others, tremendous progress can be made. What a testimony of God's love and grace when Christians band together to meet the needs of the hurting. How does this encourage you to help when disaster strikes in your surrounding communities or even other parts of the world? _____

3. Disasters can also take place in your local community leaving individuals or families in need. What are steps your church can take to reach out to these families? _____

4. In emergency situations it is critical for help to arrive quickly. Precious time can be lost if there is no plan of action in place. Cultivating an ongoing "bias toward action" will motivate people to respond rapidly when needed. What does a bias toward action look like in your congregation? _____

5. Every minute of every day is in God's hands, and we do not know what the future holds. Harold Martin ministered to teens in the High Rock Church not knowing that in a few weeks two members of that group would lose their lives during Hurricane Dorian. What we do today counts for tomorrow. How is God helping you make an eternal impact for "tomorrow"? _____
