

## HOPE 25 WEBINAR REPORT

JULIE ANNE LAIRD 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

Hope 25 presented a Webinar at 7.30 on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November led by Julie Anne Laird who has been working in the area of training up the 'everyday Christian' to work out what it means to be able to share the 'Hope' we have.

About 25 people from all over Australia attended on Zoom and there was much opportunity for sharing and discussion as We divided into Break out groups of 4 other people at intervals during the session.

Julie-anne gave us 4 easy "Pr" points from Colossians 4:2-6 on how to helpfully consider how we might share the Hope we have.

<sup>2</sup> Devote yourselves to **prayer**, being watchful and thankful. <sup>3</sup> And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may **proclaim** the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. <sup>4</sup> Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. <sup>5</sup> Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. <sup>6</sup> Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Firstly the importance of **Prayer**

Secondly **Proclaim** clearly- the mystery of Christ. Talk about what you love about following Jesus. Maybe ask others "Who do you think Jesus is?"

Thirdly **Prioritise**. The challenge here is to prioritise engaging with Non Christians, spending time listening to their concerns and needs.

Fourthly and Fifthly **Prepare** and **Practise**. Be ready to talk about why Jesus matters, and practice how to answer when we have opportunity to share the Hope we have in Jesus. We could start by talking about our faith with other Christians and then we could use our Sunday services to share our stories.

Julie Ann then challenged us to think about :

What stops us from sharing our faith? Then ask for God's help in this area.