

## The Last Few years

- Unusual times
- New realities
- Difficult challenges
- Maybe feelings of hopelessness







**300 million Extreme Poverty** 

## Rural Kenya

- Normal to be hungry
- Unpredictable rains
- Crop failures are common
- Belief that the government will help, but they never do
- Disunity cuts across multiple levels

Hope?





#### **We Live in Fearful Times**

- Fear of new viruses and unknown sicknesses
- Fear of conflict in Ukraine
- Fear of inflation, rising interest rates and financial uncertainty
- Fear of climate challenges





# Fear becomes a virus that eats away at people





# God's inoculation to the virus of fear is HOPE





#### Matthew 19:16-30

- Rich young ruler with an honest question
- Jesus gives him the answer that he fears the most
- Jesus unpacks what real hope looks like





## Real Hope

- "at the renewal of all things"
- This was not a foreign concept to those in the crowd
- Isaiah 51:11, Isaiah 65:17-19
- Renewal=palingenesia









**Fadhilli Trust** 



Francisca was hopeless



Francisca tried new farming methods



**New farming methods** 



Francisca joined a Savings Group

### **The Church**

- At the center of her story
- Sharing the message of palingenesia—HOPE!







Francisca has new hope!

### Join Us!

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Following Jesus where the need is greatest