

OUTLINE & QUESTIONS

LIVING HOPE

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1 PETER 1:3-9

Introduction

1. Our _____ is Guaranteed.

- A new _____
- A new _____
- A new _____

2. Our Suffering is _____

3. Our Faith is _____

- _____ requires a _____
with a living _____
- The more we grasp _____ for us, the
greater _____ will be for him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

- Icebreaker:** What's your favorite style of music? Explain. Who's your favorite band or performer? Why?
1. Read I Peter 1:3. Why do you think Peter describes a Christ follower's hope as living? How does the Bible's view of hope differ from the world's view of hope (from the sermon intro)?
 2. Read I Peter 1:4. How does Peter emphasize the certainty of our future inheritance? What do you hope to inherit from your parents? What three things can we hope to inherit from God (not described in this text, but summarized in the sermon)?
 3. Read I Corinthians 15:42-44. How does our body that's placed in the grave differ from the one that Christ will raise from the dead? Describe what's meant by each of the contrasts in these verses.
 4. How would the prospect of a new body give a person hope? Stop and pray for someone who needs that hope today. (If no one comes to mind, go to CCC's Prayer Wall and intercede for a person who's posted a body-related request.)
 5. Read Revelation 21:1-5; 22:1-5. Understanding that these are symbolic descriptions of the new earth, list at least five hope-inspiring aspects of a Christ follower's future new home.
 6. Read Luke 19:12-17. What does this parable teach about the way in which Jesus will one day reward our current faithful service to him? Make a list of ways in which Christ followers are to demonstrate faithful service to Jesus in this life, according to: Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19, 20; Ephesians 2:10; Matthew 25 34-40; and II Corinthians 8:7.
 7. Read I Peter 1:6, 7 and Romans 5:3-5. What are suffering and hard times meant to accomplish in the life of a Christ follower? Explain how that works. Describe a time/situation in your life when you experienced this process.
 8. Who are the recipients of praise/glory/honor in v.7 (two possible answers), and why does our suffering result in this (with respect to each of the recipients)? Describe someone you know (or know about) whose suffering has brought praise/glory/honor to Jesus.
 9. Why might a believer's patient endurance of suffering be a more powerful testimony to Christ than being miraculously delivered from a painful situation? What would Job 1:8-11 add to your answer?
 10. Read I Peter 1:8, 9. Jesus' resurrection makes a relationship with him possible. Why do you think Peter's original readers loved Jesus (multiple answers)? What's the difference between loving Jesus and believing in Jesus? What would be some practical indications in your life that you love Jesus?
 11. Read Luke 7:36-50. What does this story teach about our love for Jesus? How would you apply its lesson to your life? Why do loving Jesus and being loved by Jesus produce hope (the theme of today's sermon) in our lives?
 12. What's your best personal application from this study?