

LIVING HOPE

April 12, 2020

1 Peter 1:3-9

I. Hope in Jesus _____ me eternal life. – v. 3-5

Put your hope in Jesus to _____
_____.

II. Hope in Jesus _____ me through life. – v. 6-7

My hope depends not on the _____,
but the _____.

How would you describe your experience with hope? What happens to your hope when trials come? Is it living, growing, steady, or is it more like a roller coaster? What does Peter tell us to do to walk in living hope?

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. When we focus on the seen things of this life, hope is volatile. But when we focus on the unseen rewards of eternal life, hope grows steady and strong. What seen things are you focused on that are undermining hope in your life? What can you do to shift your focus to eternal life with Jesus?

4. COMMIT THIS WEEK

Believing in Jesus is like trusting in a stool to hold you up when you sit down. Are you trusting in Jesus like that? If not, what is holding you back? Talk with your small group leader to see how you can fully trust Jesus.



Put your hope in Jesus to _____
_____.

III. Hope in Jesus _____ me through His life. – v. 8-9

Have you found _____ in the living Jesus?

_____ HOPE ONLY COMES
WHEN I HOPE IN THE LIVING _____.

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This Month: \$15,457.00

Last Month: \$35,127.00

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SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

It is easy to lose hope in a world full of trials and suffering. We need Living Hope.

1. REVIEW THE SERMON

Your 5-year old neighbor just asked you what hope means. How would you explain it to him? Write out your explanation. How does this compare with the Bible's explanation of hope? Back up your answer with Scripture.

Read 1 Peter 1:3-9. What are some reasons Peter gives for why we can have hope? What does He say is required to obtain living hope? How does He relate living hope to trials in our lives?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Have you trusted in Jesus to save you from your sins and give you eternal life with Him? If not or you are unsure, what questions do you have about trusting in Jesus? If you have already done this, what evidence do you have that your faith is genuine?

