



“Living Hope” — 1 Peter 1:1–9

Big Idea: Your hope isn't based on circumstances — it's anchored in what Jesus has already done, so you can stand firm no matter what you face.

Icebreaker: What is something people commonly place their hope or security in today? Why do those things often disappoint us?

Read 1 Peter 1:1–9 Together

Discussion Questions

1. Identity in Christ

- Peter describes believers as both “chosen” and “scattered.” Why do you think both truths matter?
- How does knowing your identity comes from God change the way you face difficult seasons?
- What temporary things do people often build their identity on instead of Christ?

2. A Living Hope

Peter says we have a “living hope” through the resurrection of Jesus.

- What makes Christian hope different from ordinary optimism?
- Why is the resurrection essential to our hope?
- How can we remind ourselves of this hope during anxious or uncertain times?

3. An Inheritance That Lasts

Peter describes an inheritance that will never perish, spoil, or fade.

- Why do earthly things often fail to satisfy or provide lasting security?
- How does the promise of eternity help us endure present struggles?

4. Trials and Faith

Peter acknowledges that believers experience grief and trials.

- What stood out to you from the sermon about suffering and faith?
- How can trials strengthen or refine our faith?
- Why is it important to remember that suffering does not have the final word?

5. Anchored Hope

The sermon compared faith to an anchor holding during a storm.

- What kinds of storms or pressures most threaten people's hope today?
- Practically speaking, what does it look like to anchor your hope in Christ instead of circumstances?

Key Takeaway: Christian hope is not built on changing circumstances, but on the finished work and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Spend time praying for:

- Stronger faith during trials
- Hope for those feeling overwhelmed or discouraged
- Confidence in God's promises
- Hearts anchored firmly in Christ

Memory Verse:

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” — 1 Peter 1:3