

# LIVING HOPE

A STUDY IN 1ST PETER

MCA

## Sermon Outline

### Key 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

### Because of Jesus we have hope

#### 1. We are reborn

*Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.*

John 3:3

#### 2. We eagerly await eternity

*This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,<sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.*

1 Peter 1:4b-5

#### 3. We rejoice

*In all this you greatly rejoice... So that [you offer] praise, glory and honor... and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.*

1 Peter 1:6,7, 8

## THE HOPE OF SALVATION

FEBRUARY 2  
DISCUSSION GUIDE

### Opening Thought

1 Peter encourages suffering believers that through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have the confident assurance of a new life. We are to live boldly for Jesus, even through trials. Because our hope is a living hope, we can know the certainty of salvation and grow in maturity as we press on in faith. Because of Jesus, we have a living hope!

### Ice breakers

- Share about a time that you felt out of place.
- What is one thing that is on your bucket list? (something you hope to accomplish before you die)

### Dig Deeper

- Peter's given name was Simon, but Jesus changed it to Peter (John 1:35-42). Why is this significant?
- Is there anything in your life that has changed since you have been following Jesus?
- Choose one verse from this passage (1 Peter 1:1-12) that stands out to you. Explain.
- Think of one or two things that you'd like to work on in the coming week in response to this passage. Share with your group.
- How does hope in Christ keep us from fearing this world? Are there any ways we've been allowing ourselves to be overwhelmed by the culture of fear?
- How does Peter's introduction (verse 1-3) help you appreciate or understand the three persons of God?
- In verse 8 Peter talks about believing although we have not seen. Think of a time that you have experienced the presence of Christ. Share.
- Compare 1 Peter 1:7 to James 1:2-4 and give two reasons why God permits Christians to face troubles.
- What are some areas of your life that could use some hope?

### Closing

Put your hope in God! We are living for something beyond this life. Jesus gives us hope and that changes everything.