A DIFFERENT KIND OF HOPE

KEY SCRIPTURE | 1 Peter 1:3–4, 13–15

DISCUSSION GUIDE

If you live long enough, everything you put your hope in eventually disappoints you. Think about it: your sports team loses, your new computer gets a virus, your own body starts to fall apart.

But Peter shows us a different kind of hope—a living hope that’s not dependent on earthly desires, beliefs, or feelings. Living hope is grounded in the truth of God and His promises, not a fleeting wish for something better. With salvation as our foundation, we can be assured that our living hope helps us live differently right now, not just some day in the future. This kind of hope changes the way we live not just on Sunday morning, but every other day of the week.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Look back at your notes from Sunday’s message. Was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Have you ever set hope in something and been disappointed? What happened? What did you learn?
3. What does the resurrection of Jesus Christ have to do with our living hope?
4. Read Peter 1:13–15. God gives us a choice: we can obey or disobey. How can we “prepare our minds for action” (v. 13)? How can we obey the command to “be self-controlled”?
5. What are some things people “set their hope” on that may leave them severely disappointed?
6. If living hope affects Monday, how will you live differently this week?

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Use your car time this week to focus on truth (worship, prayer, listening to or memorizing Scripture, etc.) so you’re inspired to live out truth.