

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In your own words, explain the difference between faith and hope.
2. How are we foreigners in our own country as believers?
3. Why is becoming a Christian described as being born again?
4. What is our inheritance that Peter talks about?
5. How does this passage change the way you look at trials in your life?
6. Why are those who haven't seen Christ blessed for believing in Him?
7. How does God encourage believers today through this passage of Scripture?

Answers to fill in the blanks:
INTRODUCTION: 1. FAITH 2. HOPE 3. OBJECT
FIVE DISTINCTIVES:
1. HOME A. CHOSEN B. EXILES
2. NEW BIRTH B. DEATH, SIN, TIME
3. GUARANTEED A. SOULS B. AUTHENTIC
4. FAITH A. CLEARLY B. HEART
5. GOSPEL MESSAGE A. OURS B. WE

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Sermon Study Guide
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SERMON NOTES

LIVING HOPE FIRST PETER 1:1-12

MAIN IDEA: CHRISTIANS ARE NOT TO LOSE HEART BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN LIVING HOPE FOR LIFE'S JOURNEY THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST.

INTRODUCTION: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FAITH AND HOPE?

1. _____ is believing and trusting in something so much that you base your life on it.
2. _____ is an optimistic expectation of something good happening in the future.
3. The _____ of our faith is what we hope for.

Hebrews 11:1 (CSB)

¹ Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen.

1 Corinthians 13:13 (CSB)

¹³ Now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—but the greatest of these is love.

FIVE DISTINCTIVES OF LIVING HOPE

1. LIVING HOPE UNDERSTANDS THIS IS NOT OUR _____

1 Peter 1:1–2 (CSB)

¹ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ: To those chosen, living as exiles dispersed abroad in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, chosen ² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient and to be sprinkled with the blood of Jesus Christ. May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

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A. Peter encouraged the Christians in Asia Minor that they were _____ for a special purpose. (Ephesians 1:4)

B. _____ can also be translated as sojourners, foreigners, or aliens.

2. **LIVING HOPE REQUIRES** _____

1 Peter 1:3–4 (CSB)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

A. We are born again when we admit that we are sinners, trust in what Jesus did in dying on the cross for our sins, and believe in the resurrection of Jesus, that He is alive and that He conquered death for us, providing eternal life and living hope. Are you born again?

Write your Spiritual birth date: _____

B. Our inheritance is _____ proof, _____ proof and _____ proof.

3. **LIVING HOPE IS** _____ **TO COME TRUE.**

1 Peter 1:5–7 (CSB)

⁵ You are being guarded by God’s power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ You rejoice in this, even though now for a short time, if necessary, you suffer grief in various trials ⁷ so that the proven character of your faith—more valuable than gold which, though perishable, is refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

A. Death may destroy our bodies, but God has promised to protect our _____.

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

B. Trials prove the genuineness of our faith, just as gold, when refined in fire, is purified and shown to be _____.

4. **LIVING HOPE IS REALIZED BY** _____.

1 Peter 1:8–9 (CSB)

⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; though not seeing him now, you believe in him, and you rejoice with inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

A. We “see” Christ most _____ in times of trial.

John 20:29 (CSB)

²⁹ Jesus said, “Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

B. Living Hope is seeing with the “eyes of your _____.” (Ephesians 1:18)

5. **LIVING HOPE IS PART OF THE** _____.

1 Peter 1:10–12 (CSB)

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who prophesied about the grace that would come to you, searched and carefully investigated. ¹¹ They inquired into what time or what circumstances the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating when he testified in advance to the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you. These things have now been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—angels long to catch a glimpse of these things.

A. The prophets knew that they were serving God, not for their own benefit, but for _____.

B. If angels marvel at the hope we have in Christ, shouldn’t _____?