



Crossroads Sermon Study

Faith, Hope & Love

1 Peter 1:3-9

May 21, 2023

Lean In: Think back to childhood birthdays and share about a gift that you really hoped for. Did you receive that gift or not? What effect did that have on your sense of “hope”?

Look In: Read **1 Peter 1:3-9** aloud together and write verse 3 in your journal.

Look Back: What stood out to you most about this week’s teaching? What questions do you have? What encouraged you? What challenged you? What comforted you?

Take it Deeper:

1. What do you think of first when you hear the word “hope”?
2. Read Hebrews 6:19, Romans 5:5, Psalm 42:5, Psalm 25:21, 2 Corinthians 3:12, Romans 8:24, Isaiah 40:31, Hebrews 10:23. What else can you learn about “hope” from these scriptures? Make a list.
3. What’s the difference between hoping and having hope? Where have you seen both play out in your life? What have you been grabbing onto for hope these days? This week, how can you move from hoping to having hope?
4. Have you ever experienced the feeling/belief that nothing could ever change? When that thought pattern begins to creep in, how will you fight that? How does your identity in Christ help you to choose hope?
5. What person has brought hope into your life? How did they exemplify having living hope? In what areas of your life can you be a “hope bringer” this week?
6. Where have you experienced the byproducts (joy, significance, peace) of bringing living hope to others?

Look Up: *Jesus, You are my Living Hope! Thank you that, no matter what I’m going through, nothing can change the promise of my inheritance, the firm foundation on which I stand. Help me to plant my roots in You, the only true source of hope, and on the hard days, let me grab onto this living hope and see myself as a bringer of living hope to others.*