## LIVING HOPE

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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 (NIV)





- Thank God for an answered prayer this week.
- Pray for a heart that finds joy and peace in Christ, our living hope.



#### Engage

Start the conversation with this question...

What's one thing you hold on to when life doesn't go the way you expect?

#### **Key Points**

Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- We all face hardship, grief, and loss. But what keeps us going is our living hope in Christ.
- Our hope is built on God's mercy. God knows how easily we lose hope because of our circumstances. But in His great love and mercy, He gave us an enduring and secure hope in Jesus.
- Our hope rests on God's power. We can trust God to keep His promises. His power shields and sustains us every day for the future He has promised (1 Peter 1:5).
- Our hope leads to an eternal inheritance.
  God's reward for us is everlasting life and
  fellowship with Him in His Kingdom. It's unfading
  and can never be taken away!
- Our hope in Jesus is strong and lasting because He is alive, and His promises never fail.

#### Discuss Together (pick at least one)

- Recall a challenging time when you experienced God's power at work. How did it give you hope and confidence to keep trusting Him?
- What's an area in your life now where you find yourself relying on things, or people for security? Where do you need a fresh reminder that your real, living hope is in Jesus?
- What's one way you can walk out your "living hope in Jesus" this week—in your perspective, attitude, words, or by encouraging someone who needs it?



## **Key Truth**

In Christ, I have a living hope that never dies and an inheritance that can never be destroyed.

## Pray Together (pick at least one)

- Ask God to keep your hope alive in every season, whether light or heavy.
- Thank God for His mercy that gives new life and strength each day.
- Pray for each other's prayer requests.

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