

Sermon: Born Again to a Living Hope
Series: 1 Peter: Hardships, Holiness, and Hope

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-9
Date: August 30, 2020

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) As a group make a list of the promises of God in this passage.

2) What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?

a) Paul calls us elect exiles. What does it mean to you personally that you are both chosen by God and an exile in this world?

b) What circumstance in life have you placed your hope upon? In what way did it let you down? How is Jesus, our living hope, one that will never let us down?

c) What trial are you walking through (big or small), and how have you seen God using it to “test the genuineness of your faith?”

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) How gospel truth stands out to you from this text? How does it encourage you today?

APPLICATION

a) Verse 3 says “bless God,” or “speak good words about him.” Practicing blessing God by filling in the rest of this sentence: “God you are _____.”

FIGHTER VERSES: 1 Peter 1:3-9.

PRAYER

Bless God for his promises in Christ (be specific).

Repent of ways that you have failed love Jesus and believe in him (v.8).

Ask God to help you rejoice in your trials, knowing that it proves your faith and glorifies God.