

OUR LIVING HOPE

1 Peter 1.3-9

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- *Have you ever watched the TV show, "Antiques Roadshow"? Do you have anything in your house that you think might be very valuable? Have you ever purchased, inherited, or found something that holds great value to you personally?*

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time you met. Anything you need to follow up on as a group?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, **Stephen reminded us that our living hope holds priceless value for the future and today.**

1. The Source of our Hope - Where does our hope come from? (1 Peter 1:3)

- *Stephen said, "Hope is how you handle what you face." Think about your schedule, your checkbook, your relationships, etc. - how do you see that statement fleshed out in your life? Are you happy with the way you're handling what you're facing?*
- *What would change in your life if you woke up every day this week believing and relying on the living hope - Jesus Christ?*

2. The Security of our Hope - Why can we trust our hope? (1 Peter 1:4-5)

- *What are the things in your life that are decaying, declining, or dying?*
- *What difference does it make that our hope is a "living" hope, and not a dead hope?*
- *Peter says that our hope is "living", "kept", and "guarded". Stop right now and thank God that He is the One securing our hope - that it can never decay, decline, or die.*

3. The Symptoms of our Hope - What effect will a living hope have on your life? (1 Peter 1:6-9)

- Three symptoms of Christians living in light of their living hope:
 - **We will rejoice in suffering (vs. 6)**
 - *What's your first response in suffering? How have you really responded to some of the challenges of the last several months in our world and in your life? Have you "rejoiced"?*
 - **We will endure through suffering (vs. 7)**
 - *Enduring through suffering doesn't just mean surviving during tough times - it's a focused thriving. What are some small steps you can take to thrive during trials?*
 - **We will love our unseen Savior with unbelievable joy (vs. 8-9)**
 - *Is your love for Jesus right now characterized by joy? Or by grumbling, complaining, and trying to escape your suffering?*

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that your group will genuinely live in light of The Living Hope - Jesus Christ!

