



NEW HORIZONS SMALL GROUPS

Sermon Title: 1 Peter - Living Hope In Christ

Scripture Reference: 1 Peter 1:3-7

Connection:

- What do you remember most from last week's sermon?
- How did you hear God's voice or sense His presence this past week?
- What's one thing you're looking forward to this fall?

Reflection:

- Summarize this week's sermon in one to three sentences. What was the main point of the message?
- What did the message say about you, God's people or the world?

Application:

1. Hope Anchored in the Resurrection

Question: Peter says that our hope is anchored in the resurrection of Jesus (1 Peter 1:3-4). How does this change the way we use the word hope compared to everyday wishful thinking?

- *Follow-up:* Share an example of when you've seen this kind of confident hope in someone's life.

2. Hope and Trials

Question: Peter teaches that trials refine our faith (1 Peter 1:6-7). What trials in your life have most shaped your faith? Were there moments when hope made the difference?

- *Additional Reading:* James 1:2-4 - "Consider it pure joy... when you face trials of many kinds..."

- How does this passage deepen our understanding of hope in the middle of hardship?

3. Joy that is Beyond Human Ability

Question: In 1 Peter 1:8-9, Peter describes "a glorious, inexpressible joy." How does this idea of joy being supernatural connect to the idea

that hope itself is holy and not human?

- *Additional Reading:* Romans 15:13 - "I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace..."

- What does this verse show us about the connection between God, joy, and hope?

4. Hope That Sustains and Strengthens

Question: Rachel's story reminds us that hope is not just for good days, but also for suffering and even death. How can we prepare now to have the kind of hope that sustains us in the hardest moments?

- *Additional Reading:* Hebrews 6:18-19 - "We... have fled to him for refuge... This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls."

- What does it mean for hope to be an "anchor" in your life?

5. Hope That Points Others to Jesus

Question: 1 Peter 3:15 says we should always be ready to give an answer for the hope we have. Who in your life might need to see or hear about the hope you carry right now? What would it look like to show that hope in action this week?