

Hope for the Exiles | Living Hope

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Savoring the Hope we have in Jesus:

- ➔ Our Hope is a **gift**. (v. 3)
- ➔ Our Hope is **alive**. (v. 3)
- ➔ Our Hope is **untouchable**. (vv. 4-5)
- ➔ Our Hope can bring **joy** in the midst of **suffering**. (vv. 6-9)
- ➔ Our Hope is the fulfillment of the longings of **creation**. (vv. 10-12)

WHEN WE FAIL TO GRASP THE HOPE OF JESUS, WE GRASP FOR HOPE THAT FAILS.

Next Week: Hope for Exiles: A Study of 1 Peter, 1 Peter 1:13-25

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

- **Weekly Vision Casting:** We believe God designed us for relationship with Him and relationship with each other. At Trinity, Small Group meetings are essential to developing deeper relationships with each other but they aren't intended to be the "be all and end all" for relationships. How else can we build deeper relationships with each other or with others in the church?
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Small Group Guidelines** (*if necessary*)
- **Warm Up Question**
- **Head, Heart, and Hand Questions**
- **Personal Prayer Requests**

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

WARM UP: What is that one thing that you just "have to do" when you go back home? In your hometown? With your family? [Sunday we began a new series through 1 Peter called "Hope for Exiles". In this book Peter emphasizes that our real home is in heaven and we are strangers or exiles on this earth. Let's study this week's passage together.]

HEAD: *These questions help us examine the Word.*

1. Read 1 Peter 1:1-12. As Peter describes the quality and character of our hope, what stands out to you and why?
2. Why did Peter call his audience "exiles?" What does it look like to live as an exile or a stranger in this world?

HEART: *These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.*

1. Is it hard for you to live with the mentality that you are a stranger or an exile in this world? Why?
2. What hopes or dreams that are of this world are the hardest for you to let go of and why?

HAND: *These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into our everyday life.*

1. This week, how do you plan to meditate on the greatness of our hope in Jesus?

