

EASTER: Our Restored Hope

START: (10 min)

1. How was your week?
2. Conversation Starter (*optional*): What was a typical Easter like for you when you were a kid?

GOSPEL:

1. Read 1 Peter 1:3 and Romans 15:13. These Scriptures tell us that God has given us a living hope and that He is the God of hope. What are some hope-substitutes that we often rely on, but have the propensity to fail us?
2. All of us have experienced loss of hope. Share a story from your own life (what you are comfortable sharing) where you lost hope but found it again.
3. Work as a group to come up with a list of Scriptures that give us hope. Write it down and share it with one another so you can refer back to it when needed.
4. How can you encourage another believer with the hope we find in Jesus?
5. How can you encourage someone who doesn't know the Lord that there is hope?
6. Hebrews 6:19-20a says, "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, 20 where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf..."

What is the connection between hope as our anchor and entering the inner sanctuary behind the curtain?

7. What can you put into practice that will help you hold onto the hope you have been given through Christ?

PRAYER: Take some time to pray for one another.