

A LIVING HOPE

1 PETER SERMON SERIES

SERMON LISTENING GUIDE // DATE: _____

1 Peter 1:3-12 // ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. ¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, ¹¹ inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

A Living Hope 1 Peter 1:3-12

What is living hope?

I. A hope established by God

- A. Anchored in the resurrection of Christ (v. 3)
- B. Experienced in relationship with the risen Christ

II. A hope protected by God

- A. An inheritance kept for you (v. 4)
- B. Guarded for the inheritance (v. 5)

III. A hope strengthened by God

- A. The instrument of faith (v. 5, 9)
- B. Strengthening the instrument of faith (v. 6-8)

APPLICATION GUIDE

1. In what ways do you try to manufacture hope rather than finding it in the risen Christ?
2. How does it make you feel that your salvation is finished, accomplished, and kept in heaven for you?
3. How are your trials threatening to undo you? How does God's protective custody bring assurance and comfort?
4. How is your faith being strengthened through trials? How is this affecting your hope?

COMMUNITY GROUPS

What are they?

The Bible is clear that God has designed life to be lived in dynamic relationships of trust and love. For this reason, Christ Church East also meets weekly in homes throughout the city for food, fellowship, Bible study and prayer. While groups meet weekly, they are not defined by a night of the week or a time on the clock. They are a people increasingly living their lives together and learning how to love one another in gospel community. Currently our groups meet virtually through Zoom.

How do they work?

Groups are open to people in all seasons and walks of life. Each group provides child care so that the adults can focus on study, sharing, and prayer after a time of food and fellowship. On a regular basis, men and women break out separately to address gender specific needs. Typically, our groups take time off during the months of June and July. If you are interested in joining a group, fill out our online connect card (www.christchurcheast.org/connectwithus).

COMMUNITY BIBLE READING // JUNE 15 - 21

Day	Date	Read
Mon	6/15/20	Galatians 4:21-5:12, Psalm 62
Tues	6/16/20	Galatians 5:13-6:18, Psalm 63
Wed	6/17/20	Catch-up day, Psalm 64
Thurs	6/18/20	Catch-up day, Psalm 65
Fri	6/19/20	Ephesians 1, Psalm 66
Sat	6/20/20	Ephesians 2, Psalm 67
Sun	6/21/20	Ephesians 3:1-4:16, Psalm 68