

# sermon discussion

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## MAIN POINTS & KEY SCRIPTURES

1 Peter 1:6

We can rejoice for the gap means a new family and new expectations.

- 1 Peter 1:3
- 1 Peter 1:4
- Hebrews 1:2
- 1 Peter 1:5
- 2 Thessalonians 1:6

The gap lets us face reality and not be crushed by it.

- 1 Peter 1:6
- 1 Peter 1:7

We can rejoice today in our relationship with Jesus.

- 1 Peter 1:8

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How would you describe "living hope" to someone who had never heard the term?
2. **Read 1 Peter 1:3, Romans 5:5, Hebrews 6:19.** What does Peter mean by "living hope" and how does this hope differ from other forms of hope?
3. **Read 1 Peter 1:3-4.** How do you personally relate to the idea of "an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading"? What does this promise mean to you in your faith journey, especially in seasons of difficulty?
4. **Read 1 Peter 1:6-7, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, Philippians 4:4-7.** In 1 Peter, believers are encouraged to "rejoice" even in the midst of suffering. How can we find joy in the midst of suffering or difficulties?
5. Think about a time when you encountered suffering or difficulties, and you drew closer to Jesus. What influenced you to draw closer versus pull away from Him?
6. Is there someone in your life currently facing difficulties that God might want you to encourage and walk alongside? Briefly share who it is and how you might do that.

## GOING FURTHER

**MEMORIZE:** *The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.* **Psalm 28:7 NIV**

**READ:** *Trusting God* by Jerry Bridges

**LISTEN:** *Even When it Hurts* by Hillsong United - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hrSJwO5dJXg>

**QUOTE TO PONDER:** "Praise is the mode of love which always has some element of joy in it." - C. S. Lewis, *A Grief Observed*

**FAMILY DISCUSSION:** To help you have a faith-based conversation with your family, here's a few questions. Feel free to modify them to fit the age of your kids and your family dynamic.

- Peter speaks of the salvation of our souls in these verses. What is the significance of the salvation he refers to, and how does it differ from other common uses of the term "salvation" in the Bible?
- Peter talks about salvation of our souls in these verses. Why is this kind of saving important, and how is it different from other times we've learned about being saved by God in the Bible? (Deliverance from Sin: Romans 5:1, Eternal Life: John 3:16, Transformation: 2 Corinthians 5:17, Hope and Confidence: Hebrews 6:19)