



Group Guide: Reruns That Revive Week #2

Open in Prayer:

Heavenly Father, We come before You with grateful hearts, blessed by the hope, heaven, and help You have promised us in Christ. Thank You for the living hope we have today, a hope that sustains us through life's trials, and for the eternal hope of heaven that is incorruptible, undefiled, and unfading—reserved for us by Your loving hand. Lord, as we discuss Your Word together, help us to listen with open hearts and speak with grace. Guard our minds from distractions, and let the truth of Your promises sink deep into our souls. May we encourage one another, strengthen each other's faith, and leave this time more confident in Your power to keep us and guide us. Holy Spirit, lead our conversation. Remind us that no matter what we face, You surround us with protection, You prepare a place for us, and You empower us to live boldly for Your glory. May the hope we share today inspire us to be light in a dark world. We pray all this in the mighty name of Jesus, Amen.

Key Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-5

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to have a "living hope"? How is this different from worldly hope?
2. The sermon mentions hope as a "human superpower." Can you share an experience where hope helped you overcome a difficult situation?
3. How does the promise of heaven impact your daily life and decision-making?
4. The sermon describes heaven as "death-proof," "bereft-proof," and "theft-proof." Which of these characteristics resonates with you most and why?
5. Discuss the concept of being "kept by the power of God." How does this make you feel about facing life's challenges?
6. The sermon uses the analogy of a long-distance relationship to describe our current relationship with God. How does this perspective change your view of earthly struggles?

Key Takeaways:

1. We have hope for today and tomorrow through Christ's resurrection.
2. Our heavenly inheritance is incorruptible, undefiled, and unfading.
3. God is actively working on our behalf and eagerly anticipating our arrival in heaven.
4. We are continually protected by God's power, even when we don't see it.

Practical Applications:

1. This week, identify one area in your life where you need hope. Write down how the promise of Christ's resurrection can bring hope to this situation.
2. Create a "Heaven List" - write down 3-5 things you're looking forward to in eternity. Reflect on how these promises can encourage you in your daily life.
3. Practice sharing your hope with others. Choose one person this week to encourage with the hope you have in Christ.
4. When facing challenges, consciously remind yourself that you are "kept by the power of God." Journal about how this truth affects your response to difficulties.

Closing Prayer: Thank God for the hope, heaven, and help He provides. Ask for His guidance in applying these truths to your daily life and in sharing them with others.



Don't let the message end when the service does. Take these questions into your week—ask them at dinner, in the car, on a walk, or online. Let them open doors for faith to grow and for hearts to be stirred toward Jesus.

- How has the concept of 'living hope' impacted your daily life, especially during challenging times?
- In what ways does the promise of an incorruptible, undefiled, and unfading inheritance in heaven influence your perspective on earthly struggles?
- How does Helen Keller's story of overcoming adversity through hope inspire you in your own faith journey?
- Reflect on a time when you felt 'kept by the power of God'. How did this experience strengthen your faith?
- How does the image of God as a loving Father eagerly preparing a place for us in heaven affect your relationship with Him?

- In what ways can we cultivate a sense of hope for both today and tomorrow, as mentioned in the sermon?
- How does the concept of being 'bereft proof' in heaven challenge our earthly attachments and losses?
- Reflect on the story of Alan Kent. How does it shape your understanding of divine protection in the face of danger?
- How can we maintain childlike faith and enthusiasm in pursuing God's calling, like the boy with the lemonade stand?
- In what ways can we use our hope, assurance of heaven, and divine help to impact the world around us for the Gospel?

**Day 1: Living Hope in Christ**

Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Devotional: Our passage today reminds us of the "living hope" we have through Jesus Christ. This hope isn't just for the afterlife; it's a vibrant force that sustains us daily.

Reflect on how this hope has impacted your life. In what ways does knowing Christ give you strength to face today's challenges? Consider writing down specific situations where you need to apply this living hope. Remember, just as Helen Keller found hope in her faith despite her disabilities, we too can find hope in Christ amidst our struggles.

Day 2: The Inheritance of Heaven

Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Devotional: Today's reading encourages us to set our minds on things above. Our earthly lives are temporary, but we have an eternal inheritance in heaven. This inheritance is described as incorruptible, undefiled, and unfading. How does this eternal perspective change how you view your current circumstances? Take a moment to imagine the joy of being in God's presence, free from all earthly concerns. Let this vision inspire you to live today with eternity in mind, focusing on what truly matters in light of your heavenly inheritance.

Day 3: God's Protective Power

Reading: Psalm 91

Devotional: Psalm 91 beautifully illustrates God's protection over His children. The sermon mentioned how we are "kept" by God's power, using a military term that suggests an army garrisoned around us. As you read this Psalm, visualize God's protective presence surrounding you. Reflect on times when you've felt God's protection in your life, even in subtle ways. Remember the story of Alan Kent and how God protected him supernaturally. While we may face difficulties, we can trust in God's constant care. How might this assurance change how you approach challenges today?

Day 4: Enduring Faith in Trials

Reading: James 1:2-12

Devotional: James encourages us to consider trials as opportunities for joy, knowing they produce endurance and maturity in our faith. This echoes the sermon's emphasis on having hope in difficult times. Think about a current trial you're facing. How might God be using this to strengthen your faith? Remember that just as songs are worth singing again for their impact on our souls, revisiting these truths about perseverance can renew our spirits. Pray for God's perspective on your challenges and the strength to endure with joy.

Day 5: God's Abundant Blessings

Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Devotional: Our final reading celebrates the spiritual blessings we have in Christ. The sermon highlighted how we are blessed with hope, heaven, and help. As you read, note each blessing mentioned by Paul. Which of these resonates most with you today? Reflect on how God, like a loving parent, delights in blessing His children. Just as the pastor eagerly anticipated blessing his wife with a special dinner, God eagerly anticipates sharing His blessings with us. End this devotional series by expressing gratitude for specific ways God has blessed you, and commit to living in light of these blessings.

