

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM NOVEMBER 26/27 SERMON

If you missed the sermon, check out <u>biblechapel.org/sermons</u>.

- 1) Share with the group how your Thanksgiving went. Then, in connection to our theme this week, is there anything specific you are hoping for this Christmas?
- 2) Read 1 Peter 1:3-5

What immediately sticks out to you in these verses?

Read Proverbs 10:28, Proverbs 11:7, Ephesians 2:12, Job 8:13, Job 27:8

We said this weekend:

Without Jesus, the unbeliever has perishing hope, and hell will be their eternal home.

What things of this world tempt people to put their hope in instead of trusting in Jesus and putting their hope in Christ?

When you realize the reality that the unbeliever has perishing hope, and if they never trust in Jesus, will spend eternity in hell, what goes through your mind and heart?

3) Read 1 Peter 1:3-5, 1 Corinthians 15:52, and 1 Peter 1:23. We said this weekend:

The believer's living hope resides in Jesus, our resurrected Savior.

And as we live in between the first and second advents of Christ, we have the living hope of our promised inheritance to come, a future eternal home when compared to this world:

In our eternal home we'll never experience decay, destruction or death.

Scripture Source: biblegateway.com

What struck home with you in the verses you just read regarding our imperishable future home to come?

How should the understanding that our final eternal home will never experience destruction, decay, or death impact us today?

4) Read <u>1 Peter 1:3-5</u>, <u>Hebrews 13:4</u>, and <u>1 John 3:3</u>. We said this weekend based off the word "undefiled", the believer has living hope regarding their eternal home:

In our eternal home we'll never experience sin, corruption or pain.

What "corruptions" of this world are most troubling to you? How should those corruptions cause us to put our daily hope in Jesus?

5) Read <u>1 Peter 1:3-5</u>, <u>John 1:4-9</u>, <u>Revelation 21:23</u>, <u>Matthew 5:14-16</u>. We said this weekend based off the word "unfading", regarding our eternal home:

In our eternal home we'll never experience darkness, only the light of Christ.

And therefore:

The believer's living hope in Jesus needs to shine bright in this dark world.

In our eternal home, we forever will experience the light of Jesus, AND right now, we are called to demonstrate the living hope and light of Christ in this dark world.

Discuss that truth with your group. How does a believer practically shine bright in this dark world?

Then, end by praying together that this Christmas season, you as a group may demonstrate your living hope and the light of Christ.

