



## CG DISCUSSION GUIDE

### New Birth's Benefits (Living Hope Pt. 2)

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| <p><i>Accountability and Celebration</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How are you guys walking out your spiritual maturity lately?</li><li>• What would you like to improve on and what are some wins during this journey?</li></ul> <p><i>Prayer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Look over prayer points for Saturday and Sunday. These are the most neglected prayer points since they are on weekends. Here are some of them:</li><li>• Pray for our missionaries who are trying to bring heaven down to those who don't know God.</li></ul> | <p><b>Text: 1 Peter 1:3-12</b></p> <p><i>Introduction</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It wasn't until the 4th century AD that Christians were able to live without fear of death. This letter was most likely written between 60-65 AD (or as late as 80) and so this was a very tricky time for the Christians spread out all over the place.</li><li>• This spreading was called the Diaspora and it is actually one of the reasons why Christianity spread so well. There were people all over the place ready to hear this new, hopeful, good news about the Messiah, Jesus.</li></ul> <p><i>What does this text teach us about God?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There is lots of talk about inheritance and new birth. If we are</li></ul> | <p><i>Practice and Plan</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Share some times in your past where God has used suffering to teach, mold, or grow you. (v.7)</li><li>• How is everyone in the group suffering, if at all? How can the group pray for everyone?</li><li>• Plan how we can help Christians experience the joy of suffering like Christ suffered without completely escaping it, but also not being completely destroyed by it.</li></ul> |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Pray for the business as mission project that ICB is involved called <i>Frenesi</i>. Pray for creativity and wisdom regarding how to make it thrive and multiply.</li><li>● Give thanks to God for His continual provision. Pray for contentment at all times. Ask God for those in ICB who are going through hard times, and need to feel God's peace, direction and joy, that their faith is strengthened and firmly anchored in Jesus Christ.</li><li>● Pray for the Men's and Women's Ministries at ICB. Pray that both genders would be strengthened and cared for in a way that would push them to go out into the world and be salt and light.</li><li>● Pray also for our volunteers. Pray that they would be the hands and feet of Jesus himself and that their work would be empowered by the Holy Spirit. As they work, pray that God uses their efforts to multiply the kingdom of God.</li><li>● Thank Him for adopting us into his</li></ul> | <p>born anew of God, what does that make God? (And if He is our Father, what type of inheritance do we have and how sure are we to get it?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Although we suffer in this life as Christians (guaranteed by Peter) who also suffered? And what does that teach us about God/Jesus?</li></ul> <p><i>What does this text teach us about ourselves?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The trials that these people were facing were real tough. Most of them lived underground and were scared to be Christians...and yet they persisted. In fact, the main way that Christians were seen in the public eye was when they were discovered and then gruesomely killed in front of lots of people by burning them, beheading them, or by letting lions eat them. And yet they still confessed Christ till the end. What does this teach us about ourselves as Christians in the 21st century?</li><li>● What is the benefit of persisting (v. 6-9)?</li></ul> |  |
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family and that this status will never change for those who have faith in Him.

- Pray for those who work behind-the-scenes (*Media Team, Pit Crew, Worship Tech, Strategic Advancement, Executive Assistant*). That they would feel seen, loved, and appreciated and that God would give them the grace to continue doing their jobs faithfully.
- Pray that all that has been prayed over these two weeks of praying and fasting would be sealed in Jesus' name and that they would come to fruition.
- Pray for the worship team. Pray that they have strength to continue pushing us further and further into the presence of God and that they will creatively encourage us to keep fighting the good fight.