

Exiles

July 11, 2021

Scriptures: 1 Peter 1:3-12, John 15:20

Bottom Line: What Jesus accomplished gives us hope for every circumstance

1 Peter 1:3-6

- **We have been given a real living hope in Christ**
- **This hope is a promise and a guarantee**
- **Our ultimate hope is eternal not in the temporary**

John 15:20

- **Jesus promises us persecution**

1 Peter 1:6-9

- **We may suffer due to our faith**
- **Suffering proves that our faith is genuine**

LISTENING

Have someone in your group share something about their week. They could answer one of the following questions:

- What was a big challenge or problem you faced this week? How did you handle it?
- Where did you experience God this week? Or where do you wish you had experienced God this week?
- Based on your life experience this week, what do you think God is trying to teach you right now? What is He trying to build in you?

After the person shares, the group can respond. Make sure you let them know you heard them: tell them what you heard, offer wise advice where it's asked for, share from your own experience as well.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Review Sunday's message. What stood out to you? What challenged you? Are there any lingering questions?
2. What things do you place your hope in? How do you place your hope in Jesus?
3. Have you suffered for the sake of your faith in Jesus? How did that shape you?